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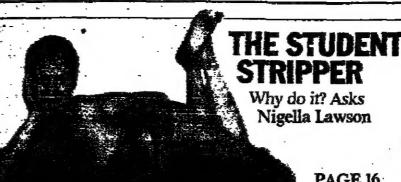
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Ben Elton woos the popcorn punters







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# Inquiry urged on Treasury 'profits over euro'

By JANET BUSH AND PHILIP WEBSTER

last night that the Treasury may have profited from the confusion over its stance on a European single currency — and demanded an official

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Charcellor, has called for City egulators to examine allegedmarkets ahead of recent con-

In letters to Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and to the Securities and Investments Board, he says: "Until this whole episode is laid bare, no one investing in London's figancial markets can be confident that the value

rules about issuing mislead-ing information and creating Mr Lilley has asked regula-

tors to focus on two particular episodes: September 25, the day before the Financial Times reported that ministers were warming towards early and last Friday, the day before The Times ran an interview with Gordon Brown signal-ling that Britain would not join for at least five years.

The first report sent stare and bond prices soming and sterling numbling, while confusion after the second saw a sharp fall in prices and a large.

rise in the pound.

Mr Lifley has provided charts showing sharp movements in the pound before the press reports were published, suggesting that some financial market players may have had enough, knowledge of their contents to make a lot of

market was able to react.

City suspicions had also been aroused by unusual trading in the foreign exchange and government bond markets. One leading investment to the Treasury and the Bank about what it alleges has been unusual trading in the gilt market ahead of news stories on EMU.

Mr Lilley yesterday highlighted two sources of concern. He criticised the Government reputiese the Financial Times story - and indeed endorsing its contents in a number of statements by ministers and therefore creating a false marker. The Treasury may have sold government bonds at prices that benefited from the story, he wrote, adding:

Aryone else who did fins would be committing a very

"If any private individual issued conflicting stories and profited in the meantime they would certainly face investigation. It is even more important to establish who is responsible for conflicting stories which may have benefited govern-ment and disadvantaged pri-vate firms and individuals. The Bank of England last night said that it would seriously consider the contents of the letter. The Treasury also said it was considering points

made by Mr Lilley in a letter to the Chancellor The Shadow Chancellor has also listed the Chanman of the Tressury Select Committee to investigate these matters and he plans to put down parliamentary questions on Communed on page 2, col 6.

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Party dress: Tory MPs Desmond Swayne, Tim Loughton, William Hague. Philip Hammond and John Redwood putting on the "casual" style in

### A Tory MP's idea of casual dress? Suit yourself

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM HAGUE'S attempt to fashion a modern image for the Conservatives came apart at the seams yesterday at the start of a two-day bonding session for MPs.

The latest fault line in the parliamentary party was nothing to do with the usual flashpoint of Europe, but whether to be casual or smart. Mr Hague issued an edict to style for the gathering at the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne. But the MPs, denied their regulation pinstripe suits, could not agree on a uniform line. The result was a riotous clash of sartorial cultures as Savile Row suits competed

with country tweeds and knitted creations.
While Labour has redefined

ing and power dressing, the youngest Tory leader for 200 years has adopted a more informal approach. But even Mr Hague, 36, got it wrong. He arrived at the hotel in a smart dogtooth jacket, blue slacks, pale blue shirt, buckled shoes - and a red tie, which he was forced to abandon as he crossed the threshold.

Tories have never enjoyed the game of follow-my-leader and there were murmurs of discontent as the first MPs arrived for seminars on the "ferninisation of society" and how to reconnect with the British people and their emo-tions. Sir Teddy Taylor (in corduroys and jumper) was contemptuous of the whole idea of bonding. "We can forget all this silly touchy-feely talk and public relations gimmickry. I'm here to talk about

What goes on in the mind of a man who gets up in the morning, puts on a military striped tie, then pulls a sweatshirt

over the top? Grace Bradberry, page 2

the single currency." There was a predictable stampede in the opposite direction. One of the most sensitive

logistical operations was the sleeping and seating arrange-ments. Michael Howard and Ann Widdecombe were seen heading for opposite ends of the five-star hotel, while Kenneth Clarke (in formal

the Grand is hardly the same as Mrs Cumpsty's £20 bed-and-breakfast lodgings. But it was the conflicting

dress code that was the most

conspicuous failure of the day. Douglas Hogg at least made an effort in his thick woollen jumper, corduroys and brown rubber-soled walking boots although the approach was marred by the reappearance of the fedora that irritated Tory spin-doctors so much that he was barred from wearing it during the election

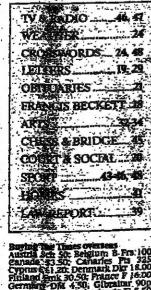
campaign. Bernard Jenkin (Next jeans and check jacket) was proud to be voted fashion icon of the day. "I bought this jacket in 1987," he said. Andrew Robethan was in more sober cordurey trousers. "I'm too old to own a pair of jeans," the 46-year-old Blaby MP said.

dressed MPs, the new intake of Tory MPs was wheeled out for a photocall and realisation dawned that they represented cross between Hermes, Jermyn Street and C&A. Collars were hastily loosened and jackets removed as Michael Fabricant (jeans, sweatshirt and boots) commented: "It's a new Tory split. We are split down the middle between suits; ties and blazers and dressing down." There was

origins of Stephen Dorrell's brown woollen jumper with its spagnetti junction pattern. By late afternoon, the 145 MPs had split into working parties to discuss how to become more women-voterfriendly. But as they bonded into the evening, there was no hand of friendship to the press outside the hotel grounds. The theme of their last seminar with the media.

#### Pru rebuked over pensions review

reprimended for seriots shortonings in its handling of the pensions mis selling review. The Securities and Investments Board said it had not acted with "due care, skill and diagence .... Pages 25 Z



### 'Candle' blazes to record sale BY EMMA WILKINS

mas at the speed of light.
Yesterday Candle in the Wind 1997 was officially declared by the Guinness Book of Records to have become the higgest selling single record of all time. With 31.8 million sales already the search sales already, the song per-formed at the funeral of Di-ana, Princess of Wales, has in 37 days overhauled the 30 million sales it took Crosby 55 years to achieve ...

Last night John said he was "thrilled and staggered" at the record's success and he is. expected to send a cheque for £20 million — from five million copies sold in Britain - to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund within the nent few days. The record is expected eventually in raise more than £100 million including £10 million that would have gone to the Treasury had it not surrendered its VAT revenue from the record.

Kate Knightley Day, spokeswoman for the fund, said that she was delighted by the new record. It is amazing news and congratulations to Elton John, Everyone at the fund is thrilled.

The fund has so far raised

TF MAY be only a candle in ties are expected to start the wind, but Elton John's benefiting early next year after recent single has flickered past nine further trustees are appointed to join Sarah milis at the speed of light.

McCorquodale, the Princess's sicker Michael Cibbing by pointed to join Sarah McCorquodale, the Princess's sister, Michael Gibbins, her private secretary; and Anthony Julius, her solicitor.

Candle in the Wind was

replaced as Britain's number one by the Spice Girls this week. Spiceworld is their fifth successive chart-topper. The Beatles still hold the record as the artist with the most consec utive number one hits, with Il from From Me to You in 1963 to Eleanor Rigby in 1966. The single which spent the most consecutive weeks at the top was (Everything I Do) I Do It for You by Bryan Adams with 16 weeks in 1991.

The other biggest selling singles are Rock Around the Clock by Bill Haley and his Cornets (25 million copies) and I Want to Hold Your Hand by the Beatles (13 million).

☐ The Teletubbies are aiming for the Christmas pop charts with the release of their first single called Teletubbles Say Eh-Oh. But news of its release dismayed the Yorkshire musician Vincent Brown, who recorded his own song called Tubby Anthem. Proceeds were to go to the ChildLine charity but the BBC threatened legal nearly E12 million and chari- action and halted the record



\*Porgive me Sir, I assumed you were going to Eastbourne"

#### Survivor tells of Algerian massacre

A TEACHER who survived one of Algeria's most horrific massacres described how 150 armed men entered Bentalha village, outside Algiers, and, for 42 hours, killed nearly everyone they could find.

The attack, which left 217 dead, occurred on the night of September 22-23. Most of the victims, including a six-yearold girl, had their throats cut, according to the wimess. At least 34 women were

The Government blames the attack on Islamic extremists trying to win rural support through terror before tomorrow's local elections.

Night of terror, page 11

### Foster children in court U-turn

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO NIGERIAN children who were ordered to be returned to their natural mother to grow up in their "own race and culture" are now to remain with their white foster mother after a "courageous" U-turn by a High Court judge.

year faced being torn from the woman they regard as their mother and their home in the North East of England after Mr Justice Singer agreed they should return to their natural mother.

The natural mother, a 35year-old living in London, had handed the boys over to the 52year-old foster mother under a private arrangement when they were a few weeks old so that she could continue a business studies degree.

They remained with their foster mother, who has three adult children of her own. never spending more than a few weeks with their natural mother. When in 1995 they discovered she wanted them back and was planning to neturn to Nigeria, they were

The faster mother opposed their natural mother's legal battle for their return. She told the High Court the children were bed-wetting, crying and threatening to run away if

natural mother. But despite her plea in July last year, Mr Justice Singer ruled, at a private hearing, that the youngsters must return to their natural mother to grow up in their "own race The children, aged eight and 10, have for more than a and culture", after she agreed to remain in Britain.

Devastated, the foster mother fought on, urging the Court of Appeal to overturn the ruling, only to be told the court could see no ground for interfering with Mr Justice Singer's decision. But despite her failed appeal last October and attempts by social workers to reassure the children they would still be able to visit their foster mother, nothing would persuade them to leave her.

On hearing that all contact between the children and their natural mother had "totally broken down". Mr Justice Singer decided he had no option but to reverse his ruling. At another private hearing in June this year he ruled that the children should remain with their foster mother and attempts should be made to restore contact between the children and their natural mother.

Yesterday it was the turn of the natural mother to appeal. Through her counsel, Eleanor

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Blair to

BY PHILLIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR will unveil Labour's first privatisation today and call on the Commonwealth to join his campaign to modernise national and inter-

national institutions. The Prime Minister is to announce that the Government is to sell its majority holding in the £1.5 billion Commonwealth Development Corporation, which has investments in 54 poorer countries and manages 34 businesses across the world.

He wants to turn the body. which is based in London but has 25 local offices in develop ing countries, into a publicprivate partnership. The proceeds from the sale will go back into development aid. Mr Blair will say in a speech to the Commonwealth Business Forum two days before the Commonwealth heads of

government summit opens in Edinburgh. He will say that, although it is a change of approach for Labour, he is more interested in whether something works than in whether it is private or

The development corporation has for some time been self-financing. Its investments, originally prompted by public money, are now yielding funds that keep the organis-ation going without govern-

ment support. Mr Blair will say that he is determined that the Edin-burgh summit will be a "historic turning point" for the Commonwealth, providing an opportunity to modernise institutions and focus on the challenges for a new century".

The Government believes that the development corporation is underused and will benefit by being freed for access to the capital markets. The aim is to provide substantial extra money for commercial investments and the sale. Mr Blair will say, will underline Britain's commitment to helping to fight world poverty.

Clare Short the International Development Secretary, welcomed the move and said she wanted the corporation to play a bigger

# The Tory MPs who dress to kill style

WHAT goes on in the mind of a man who gets up in the morning, puts on a military striped tie, then pulls a sweatshirt over the

As photographs emerge of the sartorial devastation wreaked in Easthourne this week, it is a question that the Tory party's image-makers must

There are men in the party who have never forgotten Bertrand Russell's gibe about Anthony Eden — "Not a gentieman; dresses too well" — and have struggled for just the right level of It is in their casual gear that Jumpers pulled down

so that the panneh bulges through, work shirts combined with jeans. double-breasted blazers with gilt buttons these are a few of the finer touches on show this week.

Many MPs seem to suffer a sort of hangover from their boyhood when as a protest at the cost of the public school uniform their parents would buy them only one pair of casual trousers. Belts, shoes, even shirts, had to "carry over" - and they have continued this thrifty policy ever since. The most basic piece of

casual dressing to the fashionably challenged MPs meeting in Eastbourne for William Hague's bonding session where sweatshirts clash with striped ties

advice is that clothes Nylon work shirts should never be worn with casual trousers. There are plenty of Oxford cotton shirts around and if it's chilly these can be worn under sweaters - with one button open and no tie. Brown needlecord and

should match, as should socks. Tasselled loafers are not pleasant. Chines are fine - but can give the impressions that you are

An MP's sense of homour, normally expre through his tie, should his feet: nothing is likely to infuriate the masses more

of heavy Westminster hunches. Diamond patterns are heinous. There is no need to be The green shoots of

Tory recovery were perhaps best seen yesterday in an attractive tweed jacket worm with a Liberty cotton theck shirt, under a plain crew-peck sweater. However, it would certainly help if a few Tory MPs could manage to be in touch with the late 1990s. Golfing umbrellas should be taken nowhere but the

jackets that bear some resemblance to the Prada ones - nobody outside the party wants to be reminded of the size of your estate or your provess on the grousemoor. And if your estate is a 20ft garden in the constituency, then it is even wiser not to play the

country squire. The British design Nicole Farth and Paul Smith are renowned for their casual knitwear, while Richard James, the new wave St James's tailor produces stretch Bedford cords and brightly coloured tweed jackets.

Clothes image, page 16

people will be able to walk

freely around the stones for

the first time since the mid-

1980s. Ropes, fences and wires will be removed.

There will be no sign of any

general secretary, repeated his

should join as quickly as possible. He was absolutely

confident" that the euro would

go ahead on time and that it

would be very uncomfortable

The Chancellor, whose for-

mal statement may come early

next week, is expected to couch

his message in language de-signed to reassure pro-Euro-

peans inside and outside

Parliament. There were hints

ise to use the period between

now and the next election to

try to create the conditions for

the pound to join soon after-

wards if the public mood has

It emerged yesterday that

Mr Blair's opposition to early entry is based on economic as

well as political grounds, and

that he believes it will take all

of four or five years for the

Government to make a judg-ment on whether joining

would be in Britain's best

abling his guests to join him

for a home match. Ken

Beamish, commercial man-

ager of the dub, corrently

second in the Premier League said last night: "We are delighted As far as I am

concerned it is a prestigious seminar for us to be involved

But the decision to choose

Blackburn has one major

disadvantage. The town has

no good hotels, according to

a council spokesman. But the

switched in favour.

sterday that he would prom-

for Britain if it stayed out.

iew yesterday that Britain

### tests on animals continue

Animals may continue to be used to test the safety of cosmetics for at least another five years, despite an election campaign pledge to end the practice, and a proposal to set up a Royal Commission on animal experiments has been set aside for the time being. Some 2,800 animals were

on accepted alternatives.

A boy aged II was killed when he fell beneath a train at Holborn station on the London Underground. The adult accompanying the boy was treated at the scene for shock. Chief Inspector Brian Gosden, of the Transport Police, said: "It appears to be a tragic accident."

#### Stalking charge

A GP faces expulsion from his surgery after being convicted of taking heroin and injecting his lover, a nurse, with the drug Michael Jones, 55, of the Marple Comage Surgery, Manchester, was fined £2,000 by Stockport magistrates after admitting possessing, supply-ing and stealing heroin.

Two men were shot in the street by an unidentified man after an altercation when he pushed the mother of one of them. After the incident on Saturday night, the gunman put the pistol into his waistband and walked off into an estate near London Bridge. South London.

#### College dangers

The probable cause of a doubling in the number of university cases of meningitis in two rs, from 189 in 1994 to 424 in 1996, was the lifestyle of students in their first year in they kissed, shared drinks and met more carriers. a conference on managing the illness was told yesterday.

#### 5 held over attack

Police arrested five men yesterday after an attack on Sunday with baseball bats on Lee Holmes, 27, in Wedneshield, West Midlands. Mr Holmes, who had chased youths who were taunting his disabled father, is critically ill in the Queen Elizabeth Hospi-

Anglican bishops debated whether the Church of England had acted as an effective conduit for the nation's grief over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. A spokesman said they had reflected on what the events of the week before the funeral meant for the mussion of the Church.

#### Sex attack arrest

A 23-year-old man has been accested on suspicion of a brutal sex attack on a woman who was dumped in the boot. of her car after being abducted in Loughborough town centre and raped in fields last Saturday. The assault lasted seven hours. The car was later found by a farmer near Belton.

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whom police

used to test cosmetics in Britain last year, 2.7 million were used in other research. Lord Williams of Mostyn, junior Home Office minister, said no new licences for using animals to test cosmetics had been issued since May, but four remained in force and the last would not run out until 2002. He said the Government's hands were tied by an EU directive which provided for a ban when "acceptable" alternative tests were available: there had been no agreement

#### Tube train death

A man acquitted of murdering a young mother in his village has been charged with two offences under the new laws to prevent stalking. Mark Wes-ton, 22, of Ascon-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, was arrested and charged under the Protection from Harass-ment Act.

#### GP took heroin

#### Street shooting

tal in Birmingham.

#### Diana debate

### HOSPICE

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#### iocks. Sweaters should be Grace Bradberry offers a few tips on plain. Horizontal stripes only emphasise the effects

should go with one another.

blue jeans both go with shoes or boots, and with black work shoes. Belts

a member of Special

than a witty pair of

golf course. The ubiquit Barbours should be.



A security guard patrols the ancient stones where visitors, banned since the 1980s, could be allowed once more

By DALYA ALBERGE

MoD drops

opposition

to road for

Stonehenge

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AN IMAGINATIVE scheme to conserve Stonehenge received a dramatic boost when the Ministry of Defence gave the all-dear to a crucial new road over its land.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, was delighted but expressed dismay that it had taken so long. the Mois, which northern part of the World Heritage Site, has for the past five years refused permission. on the grounds of security,

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the Royal Artillery are based there, at Larkill. "I had made no progress with them," Mr Stevens said. They have always been a very difficult department. They always say, You can't do that and You can't come here'. They played security as a card which prevented any consultation or

It was, he said, the intervention of Chris Smith, the Culture Secretray, that made all the difference. The news came after an initial because the headquarters of months

E44 million scrapped even though it hadthe backing of government archaeologists and the local community. It had been unexpectedly rejected by the Mil-Commission. English Heritage was told only that its £22 million bid faced stiff competition from warnings that Stonehenge

the weight and volume of

traffic along a road passing

300 yards away from the

A visitor centre, complete with parking for 2,000 cars, will be was suffering every day from

built to cater for the million everything will be out of sight from the stones. The scheme is badly needed.

more than half of their visitors

U-turn

Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord

Singer's U-turn had been mis-

"It is a racial and cultural

issue. If these children are

removed there may well be

initial trauma but they will

But Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, who dismissed the ap-

plication for leave to appeal,

said: "Everyone has underestimated the difficulties. You

do not really want these

children to be taken against

taken in law.

settle," she said.

monument. An estimated

20,000 vehicles make the

standing stones vibrate 18

The MoD's decision will

mean that a new road can be

driven through their property.

find the experience "very disappointing, while a 1992 report branded the site a national disgrace. The origi-nal plans submitted to the Millennium Commission will have to be reworked, allowing. for the change of access. An application is likely to be submitted to the Heritage

20th-century developments: For anyone over a certain age, walking among the stones is one of the most This has always been part of my plan. Some said it was dangerous; but people are

new road, which will be about three quarters of a mile long. will not interfere with the

Sir Jocelyn stressed that the

#### unlikely to steal them. They military camp. He added that weigh 40 tons each.\*

Euro 'profits' Continued from page I Platt, QC, she urged the Court Continued from page 1 of Appeal to overturn the latest ruling. Miss Platt told Lady Justice Thorpe that Mr Justice

Business and union leaders meanwhile urged the Government to leave open the option of joining the single currency within the next five years.

to the foster mother." Upholding Mr Justice Singer's latest ruling, with the agreement of her colleague, she said: "The judge did dramatically change his mind. But I have to say his reversal of his decision was extremely courageous in the agonisingly difficult circumstances of this

the subject when the Commons returns next week. The Government will today be forced for the first time to answer questions in Parliament on the row. Ministers refused an Opposition demand for an emergency dehate on EMU in the Lords -

which has already reconvened - but the Tories have managed to change the title of today's opposition day debate on savings and pensions to include "the need for stability in the financial markets".

their will to their mother and when they are old enough to vote with their feet to go back

Adair Turner, director general of the CBI, said there was

#### a good economic case for excluding entry in the first wave, but ruling out membership of single currency for a longer period would harm Britain's business interests. He nevertheless called for the Government to make a state-

### EU ministers to taste delights of Blackburn

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT can to undernine and dis-

JUSTICE ministers and senior police officers from the 15 member states are to taste the highlights of Blackburn during Britain's forthcoming presidency of the European

The Lancashire town is to host an anti-soccer-hooligan summit early next year intended to prevent thugs wrecking the World Cup in France. Blackburn has been chosen for the two-day semipar because it is the constituency Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has, represented

since 1979. Mr Straw who was in Paris yesterday to meet his French counterpart, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, wants emertise to be pooled to ensure that the scenes before and during England's qualifier in

Rome are not repeated.
The message has got to go out — and it is going out — that we will do everything we rupt the activities of those who have no interest in seeing football tournaments go ahead, but simply in committing violence and mayhem. We are not going to have it and that is the purpose of the co-operation," he said. The town does not immed-

iately spring to mind as one of the great conference venues but Ewood Park, the home ground of Blackburn Rovers, has conference facilities which can hundreds.

would be the ideal spot for

his fellow interior and justice minister to join football administrators and senior police officers from across the EU for the conference.

He is planning on the seminar ending just before kick-off on Saturday, co-

Mr Straw, a regular on the terraces for home games, decided that Ewood Park

spokesman said that within a few miles, in Clitheroc and the Ribble Valley, Mr Straws guests would be able to find comfortable accommodation or rooms at the Red House Motel only a few miles from The Home Secretary has

however, secured a bargain that will delight the Treasury. The facilities at Ewood Park are being provided first, the Home Office said

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BY EMMA WILKINS

MICHAEL STONE was re-

manded in custody for a week

vesterday after appearing before magistrates to be charged

with the murders of Lin and

Stone, 37, of Gillingham,

Kent, who is unemployed.

spoke only to confirm his

name and address during the

three-minute hearing before

Medway magistrates in Chat-

Megan Russell.

ham, Kent.

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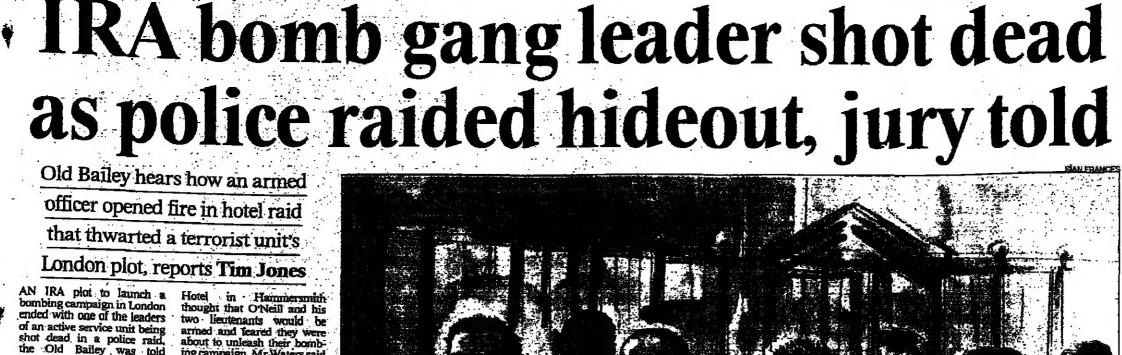
attempted murder of Josie Russell, 10, whose recovery from brain injuries has received much publicised. Josie. her mother, 45, and sister, 6, were walking home through a cornfield near Chillenden, Kent, in July last year when they were attacked by a man with a hammer. Mrs Russell and Megan were battered to dead. The family dog, Lucy. Stone was first arrested in

July days after a BBC Crimewatch reconstruction was screened to coincide with the first anniversary of the murders. He was later charged with crimes unrelated to the killings. Stone cut a dishevelled figure in the dock, dressed in a large, grey, striped sweatshirt and trousers, sneakers and blue sports shirt.

John Wheeler, clerk of the court, read the charges that, between July 8 and 11, 1996, he murdered Lin and Megan Russell and attempted to murder Josie.

After hearing that there was no application for bail, Dr Woodford said: "Stand up, Mr Stone. You will be remanded in custody until Wednesday October 29, morning court. Thank you, you may go. After the hearing Derek

Hayward, Stone's solicitor, read out a statement protesting his client's innocence. Michael Stone would like to make it clear that he is innocent of these offences," Mr Hayward said. "This is a matter that has been continuously denied by him throughout all the police inquiries. There is nothing further to say at this stage."



AN IRA plot to launch a Hotel in Hammersmith bombing campaign in London thought that O'Neill and his ended with one of the leaders two lieutenants would be of an active service unit being shot dead in a police raid, about to unleash their bomb the Old Bailey was told ing campaign, Mr Waters said that with the benefit of kindfive-man unit had

Old Bailey hears how an armed

officer opened fire in hotel raid

that thwarted a terrorist unit's

London plot, reports Tim Jones

amassed tons of improvised explosives as a "dreadful carfound in the room." go" to be loaded on the backs of lorries, David Waters, for "But the officers did not know that. They were conthe prosecution, said. The cerned with the surest of terrorists were thwarted, a suspected terrorists and had jury was told, by a huge surveillance operation by every reason to think they were armed and likely to use police and security officers which ended in the death of Kilo had fired, Mr Waters Diarmuid O'Neill

way into the room in a West

London hotel where O'Neill

and two other gang members

Police preparing to raid room 303 of the Premier West

were hiding out.

said, after the officers had lost O'Neill, the court heard, the element of surprise when a card key had failed to work was at the heart of the conspiracy and a vital member of the and they had tried to smash Provisional IRA team which down the door. CS gas was was planning the attacks in fired into the room but it the summer of last year. He confused and blinded not only was shot in September by an the IRA unit but also the armed officer named in court arresting officers. only as Kilo who was part of a In the confusion, O'Neill, 27, squad which smashed their

was fatally wounded when he failed to respond to Kilo who screamed at him to show him his hands, Mr Waters said: "A strong element of fear was no doubt present in the officer he shouted out. No evidence of any hands was shown. All the officer could see was a figure kneeling towards him. He thought he was going to be shot so he fired twice. He thought he had missed so he fired more shots.

He added: The unit had expressed the intention of killing any coppers from whom they feared apprehenrion. Kilo was feeling vulnerable and perhaps terrified. The room was dark and the hallway where he was standing was lit. Kilo was standing in light, perhaps allhouetted in his mind in the light."

Mr Waters added: "How-

ver sad the loss of O'Neill's



Patrick Kelly, Brian McHugh, James Murphy and Michael Phillips in the Old Bailey dock. They deny conspiracy to cause explosions

bomb targets in London." The jury heard that before the raid September 23 officers taking part had been shown a video of the IRA's bomb factory-at an industrial estate at Hornsey where the gang kept three Kalashnikov rilles, two handguns and stacks of

Inside the unit they rented on the estate, Mr Waters said, the gang had stored tons of ammonium nitrate-based fertiliser and sugar, a quantity of fuses and detonators. He said: 1996, they had stored in North London — in the words of the forensic scientist who examined the equipment — the wherewithal to mount a devastating campaign of terrorism.

After they were left in place, the bombs would not explode until the time delay mechanisms had expired, by which time the defendants would be well away from the

trast to any members of the public near the lorries." Patrick Kelly, 31, Brian McHugh, James Murphy, 26, from Chelsea and Michael Phillips, 22, from Crawley, all deny conspiring to cause explosions likely to endanger life or

Two of the men. Murphy. an assistant groundsmen at Shepherds Bush, and Phillips, a mechanical engineer employed by British Airways at Gatwick were involved from

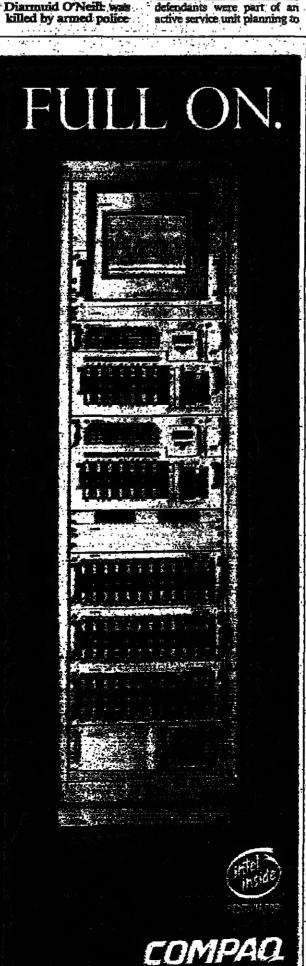
the start with O'Neill in planning the bombing campaign. McHugh, described as head of the unit, and Kelly, did not arrive in London from Ireland until a safe location had been found for the explosives. The six-week operation to track down the Unit codenamed Operation Tinnitus involved scores of members of the Metropolitan Police and officers from the intelligence

The IRA squad was well

being followed. In spite of their caution, anti terrorist officers planted listening and tracking devices in their cars and traced telephone calls they made to a kiosk in a village in the Irish Republic. Eventually, after the gang had made several trips to

and took extreme care to avoid

Beighton, Sheffield, they were seen picking up a lorry which had been delivered by a driver who was allowed to fly back to



### Lovelorn war veteran is fined for stalking

A WAR veteran aged 77 who against his former lover and his septuagenarian rival yesterday became the oldest person to be fined for stalking.

For eight months James

Monk, a former RAF officer,

bombarded Mary Sands, 55. with abusive telephone calls and sent her friends photographs and explicit letters boasting of their sexual exploits together. When Monk, a retired film

publicist, discovered that Mrs Sands was seeing David Bussey, 74, he pursued the couple and daubed graffiti on the walk of the house where they were staying.

Magistrates were told how

Monk acted out of a broken heart, never thinking that he could feel so strongly for a woman "at his ripe old age". The couple had met through "lonely hearts" column. Monk showered Mrs Sands with expensive gifts, though their relationship soured after

being a gold-digger. his vengeful campaign that

she asked him for a £6,000

loan and he accused her of



James Monk and Mary Sands, whom he bombarded with abusive calls after their relationship soured

and close to a nervous breakdown. Monk accused her of trying to get her "greedy hands" on his savings, ac-cording to Jo Patrick, for the Miss Patrick told Market

Harborough Magistrates' Court how the victim found a tyre on her car damaged while she was staying overnight at Mr Bussey's home in Markfield, Leicestershire, As she drove to work the next day the tyre blew out but she

Monk, of Leicester, admitted harassing Mrs Sands between January I and August 27 this year. He was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £2,000 compensation to his former lover, a part-time shopworker, another £1,000 to Mr Bussey. and told not to contact the couple for at least a year. The former RAF NCO be-

came the oldest man in Britain to be convicted under laws brought in earlier this year to protect victims from stalkers.

#### Son wins grant from his mother

By Shirley English

A MOTHER being sued by ordered yesterday to pay £60 a month towards his student living expenses until a full hearing into the case is heard next year.

Patrick Macdonald, 20, who is studying law at Aberdeen University, had claimed he needed £400 from his mother. Margaret Macdonald, 53, who earns £45,000 a year as a Scottish Office solicitor.

The student, who won legal aid to pursue the case, was also told by Sheriff Daphne Robertson to find a part-time job during term time if he was hard-up. In a written judgment released at Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Sheriff Roberton said Mrs Macdonald should make interim pay-ments, restricted to term time,

until the full hearing.
Earlier, the sheriff was told that Mr Macdonald, who has not spoken to his mother for almost five years, had decided not to take part-time work because it might interfere with his studies. He already recieves a maximum student loan of El,685 and a grant of

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### Medallion man at fever pitch as disco classic stays alive

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

AN AFFLICTION that causes otherwise normal people to put on white suits and medallions and listen to dangerous levels of 1970s disco music is predicted to sweep the country.
Saturday Night Fever, which first infected cinemagoers 20 years ago when John Travolta strutted across the screen, is to resurface next year as a

The Bee Gees, who wrote the songs for the film, including How Deep is your Love?, Staying Alive, and Night Fever, have joined the veteran producer Robert Stigwood to launch the show, which will be at the London Palladium from next May. They will not be performing but have written

two new songs for the stage version. After flying from America yesterday, the three Gibb brothers, who were born on the Isle of Man, apologised that they no longer sported the long hair and kitsch clothes of the 1970s. "No white suits or medallions. Sorry to disappoint you," said Barry Gibb.

The film soundtrack album was the most successful ever, selling 50 million copies, and the film inspired an plosion in the popularity of discos. We find it very unusual that the

culture we're in today seems to be looking back to the Seventies after going through a period of forgetting about them," Barry Gibb said. Asked if he thought the musical in which Travolta gyrated so carnestly might now look faintly ridiculous, he said: camp, It was silly in one respect and great fun in another. But it was extremely successful."

The Travolta role in the £4 million London show will be played by Adam Garcia, a 24-year-old Australian, who was aged four the last time around but who has seen the film on video. The men who are responsible for getting the world on to the dance floor admitted yesterday that they don't dance themselves. "We can't surf, we can't dance, but we cruise," Barry said.

But there was still one mystery to clear up. What did happen to the medallions? "I still have two," Barry said. "We might have sparked the idea. of people wearing medallions, but

# Britain will reject you, Gypsies told



Stranded: Barbora with her grandmother, Anna

#### By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE Slovak Embassy joined British ministers yesterday in trying to stop hundreds of Gypsies seeking asylum in Britain. As a further 30 Czech and Slovak Gypsies headed for Dover, the Slovak authorities warned that they would not be welcome in Britain.

Earlier in the day 23 Czechs and one Slovak had arrived at Dover, bringing the number who have sought asylum since the weekend to 220. After being interviewed by immigration officials, 13 of the 24 withdrew asylum claims and were returned to France.

The Slovak Embassy intervened after a series of interviews with Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, were broadcast and published in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. He gave warning that bogus asylum-seekers would be treated toughly.

In the statement the embassy said: "We warn everyone who is planning to come to the UK and apply through the asylum system to think twice." Slovak officials said they were determined to stop benefit

Sir Brian Mawhinney, the Shadow Home Secretary, has written to Mr O'Brien demanding that the Government protect the local services of the people in Kent by imposing visa requirements on all Czech and Slovak citizens. Visa requirements have been imposed on countries such as Colombia that suddenly produce an increase in asylumseekers, but in this case it would cause diplomatic diffiment's policy of encouraging integration between Central

European states and the EU. Last night Geoffrey Martin. who represents the European Commission in Britain, defended the system for asylumno evidence that slack border controls have contributed to the current situation." he said.

The Dublin Convention, the agreement that has undermined Britain's ability to remove EU asylum-seekers travelling without visas, was signed in 1990 by David Waddington, then the Conservarive Home Secretary. It came into force last month.

Until then, any asylumseeker travelling without a visa who passed through another EU state could be sent back on the ground that the application should have been lodged with the first safe country. Now, non-EU asylum-seekers travelling without a visa can apply for asylum in the country in which they wish

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No entry: a family waits to board a bus back to Slovakia after hearing that others had been refused permission to enter Britain

### Losers and winners wait for their fate

Adrian Lee and Susan Bell report on the refugees on both sides of the Channel

CLUSTERED in a disused home for the elderly, the latest batch of 19 asylumscekers to arrive in England knew they were the hucky ones. In Calais, 50 Czech and Slovak Gypsies, including 30 children, woke up from a night on the ferry terminal floor after being refused en-

try to Britain. Two families at Calais decided to accept an offer of free transport home, but others have now opted to seek political asylum in France. Although they have little

authorities are powerless to move them on, as they have the right to stay within the EU's open-frontier area for

A weary French immigra-tion official said: "All their passports were issued within the last few weeks. We get the clear impression that it suits

Milan, 34, the Calais group's self-appointed kesman, cradling his three-year-old daughter. Barbora, said: "All we want is

kids to be able to go to school without being afraid."

He was refused entry to

Britain with his wife and five children, and claimed that most of the group had no what they were doing when they agreed to sign deportation papers. In Margate, some of the 19

women and children spending their first full day in England described how they watched a documentary on their compatriots' lifestyle in Germany and France, where

Czech Republic, where they claimed to have been evicted from an apartment block. Natasha. 46. a street cleaner only England." who travelled with her husband, Aladar, two daughters

and six grandchildren, said: "The landlords said if we did not go voluntarily we would be on the streets. "Nobody in our lives has treated as as well as the people here in England.

in Germany because there are skinheads there. It was

The old people's home was shut in July when a boiler failed. It has been reopened at a cost £1,000 a day. Yesterday the children played happily with toys, given by Kent Social Services, and are chicken burgers and chips for lunch. Extra napples were ordered. Mattresses have been brought in to provide up to 100 places in the 43room building, and an inter-

ther 30 arrivals last night and said that two teenagers had to be prevented from going out,

### Lifestyle is worth more than pay, say students

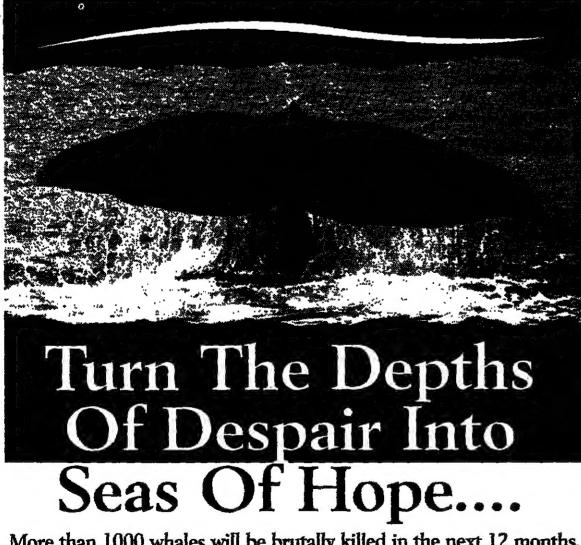
HIGH-FLYING students are turning their backs on careerism and demanding that employers give them more chance to enjoy life, an international survey showed yesterday.

that a rewarding life outside work was more important than pay and promotion. With graduates enjoying a boom in job prospects, they appear to be at the forefront of a global trend towards
"achieving a balanced life-style" as their top priority.
Some 1,200 students graduating from business. accounting, economics and marketing courses were questioned by Coopers & Lybrand for WFD. a lifestyle consultancy for employers. The British students went to the London School of Economics and Manchester

and Oxford universities Their peers in the United States cited salary as their main incentive but, in all but one of the ten countries surveyed, stu-dents said lifestyle was one of their top two priorities.

Given a range of 14 options, 45 per cent of the international sample chose achieving a balanced lifestyle and having a rewarding life outside of work" as one of their three future career goals. In second place overall, chosen by 33 per cent, was building a sound private financial base", and third, chosen by 28 per cent, was achieving a position where I can work and travel internationally".

Liz Bargh, chief executive of WFD, said: "The onus is on employers to find the flexibility to meet their employees ployees will intensify."



More than 1000 whales will be brutally killed in the next 12 months.

This week, the International Whaling Commission (TWC), meets in Monaco to debate the future of the world's remaining whales.

Eleven years after the IWC agreed a moratorium on commercial whaling, Norway and Japan are 'bending the rules' to catch an everincreasing number of whales.

Norway exempted itself from the moratorium and ignores the wishes of its neighbours in the European Union who stopped whaling long ago. Japan is defying the wishes of the nations of the world by catching whales for socalled "scientific" purposes in the Southern Ocean sanctuary.

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Bride saves her new husband as boat explodes

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A BRIDE saved her husband's life after in a speedboar ex-ploded on their West Indies honeymoon. Stuart Wright was thrown unconscious into the water. His wife Ann. watching from the shore. swam into the burning sea and kept him affoat until rescuers arrived.

Two British police officers who were due to marry today also suffered serious injuries in the blast, which happened just 20 yards from the resort of Halcyon in St Lucia. Two scuba guides, a Swiss-born translator, and an America

holidaymaker were killed. Eyewitnesses said the boat exploded when the engine was switched on, flinging the pas-sengers 30ft into the air. Police are still trying to determine the cause of Sunday's blast, but it is believed a mechanical roblem is to blame. Ann Wright, 36, from



Deborah Till: injured

Warsash, Hampshire, had waved to her husband from the beach as he boarded the boat for a scuba diving trip with other holidaymakers from the £1,000-a-week resort run by the Sandals holiday company. After the blast, she

but turned him over and held

Two Staffordshire police officers, Detective Constable, Neil Daniel, 30, and Sergeant Deborah Till, 29, both from Cannock, were among seven people injured. The others injured were Sandals staff members, three Americans and a German. They were airlifted to a hospital on the nearby Prench island of Mar-Everyone on board was said

to have received cuts from glassfibre shards that were embedded in their skin, and many had fractures. Mr Wright, 34, regained consciousness early yesterday after an operation to reset his shoulder and broken arm. The police officers, who reportedly had suspected spinal injuries, both underwent surgery and were listed as being in a stable condition last night John Giffard, the Chief Con-



The Halcyon resort in St Lucia: holidaymakers on the beach saw the speedboat explode just after it had set off

stable of Staffordshire, said that there had been initial fears Ms Till may have been paralysed: "Since then she has regained movement in her legs and upper body. Members of the force are devestated as they are both super officers. The real sadness is they went out there for happiness and to get married."

Ann Wright, a service consultant, and Stuart, a production manager, were married at a Fareham on October 11. Her father, day: "Ann was very brave and there's no doubt that she saved Stuart's life. Stuart is seriously injured, and it is a very

Kenneth Sanders, said vester-

the resort, one of 12 in the Caribbean and Bahamas, He said: "It was a freak accident. We are all devastated. We are co-operating to the very fullest

#### bus driver fired after assault BY PAUL WILKINSON A BUS driver fired after

£7,000 for

making a citizen's arrest on a violent woman passenger was awarded nearly £7,000 yesterday in compensation. David Cocking held on to the woman while he drove his bus to the

The 18-year-old woman, who had refused to pay a 60p fare, spat food in his face, scratched, bit and punched him, knocked off his glasses and tried to grab his testicles. But Mr Cocking, 31, was told at the depot that he had technically assaulted the pas-senger, held her against her will and driven without due care and attention.

An industrial tribunal in Sheffield decided unanimously that Mr Cocking, of Wath upon Dearne, was dismissed

The tribunal decided that he was 20 per cent to blame for his dismissal, but did not regard his driving as dangerous. He was awarded £6,839.60 for unfair dismissal and loss of past and future

### Valuable | Champion artefacts fall foul of ivory ban

By A STAFF REPORTER.

TWO ancient carvings sent to Britain to be valued at Sotheby's are liable to forfeiture because they are made of ivory, the High Court said

yesterday.
The court ruled that items similar to the 2,000-year-old figures were open to seizure under an EU trade ban designed to protect present elephant populations and other endangered species.

Cherie Booth, QC, appearing for the owner, argued: "It is hard to see how many elephants are going to be saved by prohibition of this ivory, which is thousands of years old. "Those elephants from which the ivory camel

But Lord Justice Ian Kennedy said that the Commissioners of Customs and Excise had been legally justified in applying for seizure under domestic regulations enacting the European ivory ban. The judges refused the owner's lawyers permission to take the case to the Court of Appeal, although they can still appeal directly.

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The lawyers argue that the case has importance for the whole European community. The carvings cannot be confiscated at present because their owner, Sadruddin Hashwani. a Pakistani hotelier, had them returned to his homeland when he ran into legal difficulties in Britain.

But his solicitor, Sarosh Zaiwalia, said the judgment could deter people abroad from sending artefacts to this

Country for valuation.

The carvings, thought to depict two dancers, were excavated in Afghanistan and once kept in a Kabul museum.

### rower is rejected by Oxford

A WORLD champion rower and Boat Race veteran has lost his place at Oxford University on academic grounds.

Tim Foster, 27, was elected president of the Oxford University Boat Club this summer after stroking the Dark Blue crew that was beaten narrow ly by Cambridge in March. His departure from St Cross College will be seen by many as proof that Oxford is determined to crase the perception that it makes academic allowances for sportsmen.

Foster, who with Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent and James Cracknell won gold in a four for sample Britain at the world champi ished a one-year diploma in social studies at St Cross and

able," he said: "But unfortanately my ideas did not fit in with what they could offer." Sieve Royle, Oxford's direc-tor, of sowing, said. "The faculty was very interested in Trings projected course of study, but felt that more research was required before

masters degree at Brunel University in Unbridge, West London, said he was disappointed at being unable to stay at Oxford. "People said to me you won't have any people look at rowers and say they are not going to do any work. It is just not true. Some of the gays I rowed with this year were prize students. They did their rowing and

then went off to work."

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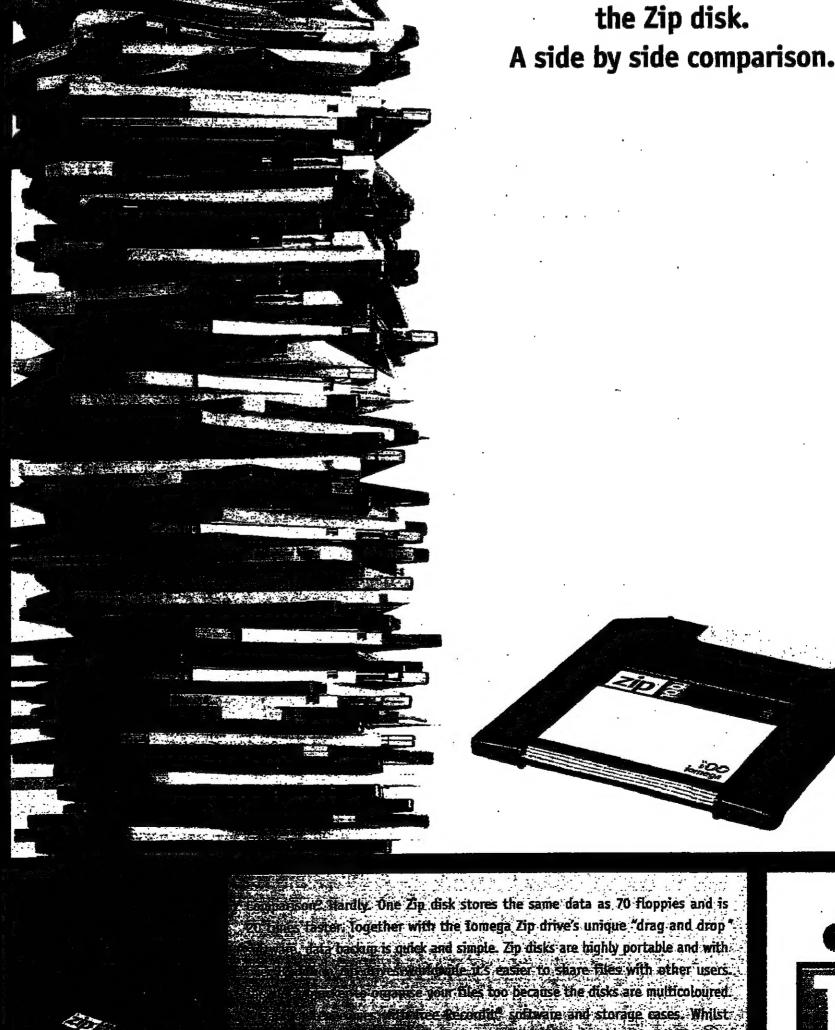
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A report into the rise of anti-Muslim prejudice in Britain will be launched today by the Home Secretary amid claims from some Muslims that it demonises their community. The report, Islamophobia. A Challenge to Us All, was produced by an independent commission set up by the Runnymede Trust. It con-

demns bigoted views of Islam which see it as barbaric, sexist and primitive. But this week's Muslim News said the report was one-sided with an "uncritically Jewish" view of the The mother of Lena Young, 3,

who was found begging on the streets of Thailand after the death of her father, an English actor, nearly four years ago, has received her first letter from social security officials. It follows pub-

An enamel of George III as Prince of Wales, unseen by the public for 250 years, has

been sold at Christie's to a museum for £128,000. It is one of only five examples of miniatures painted by Jean-Etienne Liotard, the 18thcentury Swiss artist. Fell walker dies

Muslim community.

Thailand letter

ficity about her plight. Royal portrait

#### A middle-aged woman fell

250ft to her death as she and ber boyfriend were walking on Birker Fell near Seathwaite in the Lake District. Sue Belcher, a mother of two of Riddlesden, West Yorkshire, was an officer with Bradford City Council.

#### Pigeon's medal A Dickin Medal — the "ani-

mal VC" - from 1943 is to be sold at Billingshurst, West Sussex, on November 10 for an estimated £3,500. It was awarded to a pigeon that had helped to rescue a ditched air crew by delivering a message to its base 100 miles away.

# Rector wanted lover and her friend in bed'

her home for a love affair with a clergyman, a court heard yesterday, but she drew the line when she was invited to join in their bedroom sessions. Jane Cook, a counter clerk

at the local building society office, said that she disap-proved of the relationship between her friend, Iris Green a music teacher, and the Rev Clifford Williams. When she was told that the Benllech, Anglescy. He also rector wanted her to join in. she said: "You've got to be"

Mrs Cook told an ecclesiastical court in Caernarfon, North Wales: "What Iris does is her business, what I do is my business and she knows I wouldn't do anything like that. She is my friend and I support her in what she wants to do. I did tell her on numerous occasions that the relationship was not good for her, but she makes her own decisions." Mr Williams, 49, a father of

Building society woman says she

lent home for affair, but declined

to join in. Russell Jenkins reports

charges of giving "just cause for scandal or offence". He denies an adulterous six-year affair with Mrs Green, 56, a member of his parish at denies an improper relation-ship with another married parishioner, Anne Williams, Mrs Cook said that Mrs

Green had given music lessons to her son, and had a key to her house at Tregarth, near Bangor, after doing cleaning and ironing for her. Mrs Green was said to have confided in her younger friend about the affair, and asked whether she could use the house because the clergyman did not want his car to be seen on her driveway. Mrs Cook admitted that she had never actually

seen them together at her-home, but she believed they had visited it. "Iris had told me quite a lot

detail about the relationship. She does not tell lies. I have no reason to believe that wasn't true from what I saw. I believe it to be true. "She said he had mentioned

he would have liked the two of us to sleep with him. I wasn't prepared to do that. In any case, I thought it was rather amusing actually. We both thought it was highly

amusing."

Mrs Cook recalled meeting
Mr Williams when he called at Mrs Green's house in Tyny-Gongl, Anglesey, and thought it odd that her friend should sit at his feet by the



The friends and the rector. Jane Cook, left, said she believed that Iris Green, right, who had a spare key, had used her home for trysts with the Rev Clifford Williams

Mrs Green's hair in a gesture that Mrs Cook described as possessive, rather than affectionate. "I thought it wasn't a good relationship." Tapes of answerphone mes-

sages, allegedly left by Mr Williams on Mrs Green's telephone, were played to the court. One recording, catching the speaker's Weish accent, said: "I just rang up to say good night, love you."

Another read: "Helio, mine hotspot, how are you today? I have missed you a lot. I cannot want to see you more, so I'll ring back this evening. OK. I

In the third tape, the speak ers are arguing heatedly. Mrs Green is allegedly berating Mr Williams for spending so much time at the home of Anne Williams. The man tells her: "That's stupid ... abso-lutely paranoid."

Mrs Green then says: "If I spent a fraction of the time with another man, you would be absolutely paranoid. You are a liar. Go and stick with darling Anne. You can't stay away from her." The man says: "Shut up."

Mrs Green repeats: "You stick to your darling Ame" twice before they say their goodbyes and hang up. The voice on several of the tapes was identified as that of Mr Williams by an expert linguist and two church colleagues.

Peter Wright, a former senior lecturer in English dialects at Salford University, said he came to the conclusion that "unfortunately, it was Clifford's voice".

The hearing continues.



### Ailing ladybirds prompt warning on genetically modified crops

By Night, Hawkes, science approx birds that are aplaids that had fed on attack by aphids in greenhouse

SCIENTISTS in Scotland have urged caution in the introduction of long as the average. The team tested genetically modified crops after dis- a potato plant that had been covering that they could harm

Nick Birch and a team from the from feeding on them. Scottish Crop Research Institute in Dundee found that female lady potatoes did indeed suffer reduced

lewer eggs and lived only half as modified to produce a natural insecticide that discouraged aphids

The team found that the modified.

genetically modified potatoes laid conditions. The reduction, of 50 per cent, was useful but insufficient on its own, so it was important that ladybirds, the natural predators of -aphids, also did their work.

The team says in the annual report of the SCRI that the ladybirds continued to eat the applied so it was clear that there had been no change

in the palatability of the aphids. However, once the ladybirds mated, the females laid fewer eggs, and the number failing to hatch in the first week was almost three times higher -9.2 on normal potatoes, compared with 23 on the genetically modified

When males that had eaten aphids from the transgenic potatoes four times as many unfertilised eggs resulted. The females lived only 36 days if they had eaten aphids from the transgenic potatoes, rather than the normal 74 days. The lifespan of the males was unaffected.

These results suggest that introducing transgenic crops of this type could have some unexpected conse-

quences and that strategies for using them must be tested carefully first, under field conditions. The team suggests that planting transgenic and normal crops in adjacent fields could reduce any damaging effects on ladybirds. Longer-term experiments over several generations are now needed.

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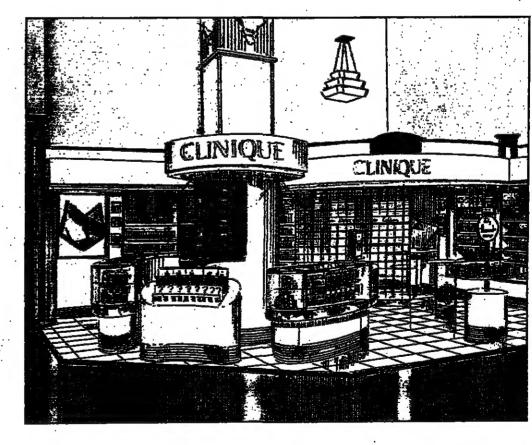
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# Prince outlines role for alternative therapies

Ian Murray on a call for health professionals to take the use of

complementary therapy seriously

THE Prince of Wales last night launched a national debate into the role of complementary medicine. In a lecture at St James's Palace, he outlined his idea for using alternative therapies alongside conventional medicine to create "more patient-centred healthcare".

He said that tremendous advances had been made in scientific and biological research, to the extent that conditions once thought un-treatable could be cured. "But clearly this alone is not fulfill-ing all our healthcare needs as large numbers of people are paying to seek help from complementary medical practitioners. We simply cannot ignore what is a very real social phenomenon.

He said some complementary treatments seemed to

environment in which patient-centred healthcare can flourish."

His initiative is an attempt to end confusion over the multitude of complementary and alternative medicines, establish through research which of them are effective, then work out regulations for their use in tandem with conventional medicines.

There are 143 professional organisations for complementary and alternative medicines, covering 14 disciplines including acupuncture and yoga. This has led to a confusing situation for doctors and the growing number of patients who ask to be referred to complementary practitioners. The confusion is compounded by there being at least 100



The Prince, left, shares his interest in alternative medicine with his grandfather. George VI, right

plementary and alternative medicines, many of them unaccredited by the organisations concerned.

Recent surveys have shown that 25 per cent of patients have tried complementary and alternative medicines, that 20 per cent of GPs have asked for some kind of training about them and that 40 per cent of GPs have made a Complementary medicine sales are now well over £100 million a year and the National Health Service pays for a tiny amount of alternative treatment - not more

interest in homoeopathy with his grandfather, George VI.

than about £1 million nat-

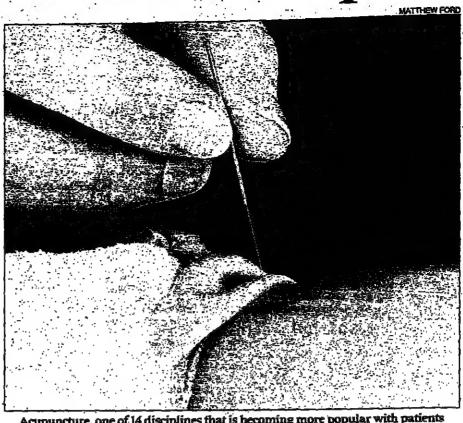
has his backache treated by a physiotherapist and an

In February last year, the Prince decided to call a semi-nar of experts in the two kinds of medicine to see what could be done to integrate their treatment in the mainstream. The seminar established a steering group under the chairmanship of his assistant private secretary, Manon Wiliams, which co-ordinated four working parties looking into how to organise research, regulation, education with

integrated service. The Prince paid for the King's Fund, an independent think-tank on health policy, to examine the issue. Its report, published yesterday, sets out the issues to be explored at a conference next summer, that will aim to set a timetable for integrating the two streams of

training and delivery of an

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### Woman fought thief who tried to snatch Rolex'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

court how she fought back when two commen tricked their way into her home, punched her and tried to steal her £2,000 watch.

Aphrodite Kefalea, 24, a finance student, wrestled Nathan Martin to the ground and held on to him after he punctied her in the face in an attempt to escape. Southwark Crown Court was told. Martin and an accomplice who escaped allegedly visited Ms Kefalea's flat in South Kensington after seeing her adver-Rolex Oyster with a cham-pagne diamond dial for £2,800.

Mr Martin, 19, of no fixed abode, denies theft and assault with intent to resist arrest and says he had taken no part in

Ms Kefalea bought two of the watches from Watches of Switzerland for £3.088 three

The jury heard that Mr Martin and his accomplice arrived at the flat on July 24 this year carrying an envelope with "£2,500" scrawled on the outside and with a window showing that it contained cash. They told her they had the money and wanted to do a deal for the watch, it is alleged. However, Roger Smart, for the prosecution, told the jury:

A STUDENT described in "We say the envelope was dummied up to make it look as if it contained £2,500. What it actually contained was one £20 note padded out behind with old newspaper.

After looking at the watch, the accomplice told Ms Kefalea that he needed to have the watch checked out at his shop in the Portobello Road area, the jury was told. The second man put the Rolex in his pocket while Mr Martin is alleged to have waved the envelope at the student and shouted: This is my money.

Both men moved towards the door and, as the accomplice fled down the stairs with the watch, pursued by Ms Kefalea's boyliriend, she grabbed hold of Mr Martin by his shirt collar.

She told the jury: "He was struggling to get away and then he turned to me and said, "Let me go otherwise I'll punch you." But I wouldn't let him go and so he gave me a punch on the right cheek."

Despite being dazed by the blow she again gave chase, grabbed the envelope and held on to her assailant. George Leonidakis, her boyfriend, came to her aid after failing to catch the accomplice and blocked the defendant's escape, the court was told. The trial continues.



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# Papies Judge faces his third drink-driving charge

Dismissal calls follow two previous convictions, writes Frances Gibb

A JUDGE charged with his third drink-driving offence faced calls yesterday that he charted and in land should be sacked and jailed. Judge Angus MacArthur,

55, has been convicted twice of driving with excess alcohol and on the last occasion he was warned by the Lord Chancellor that it was his final

He was stopped and breathtested last week when his car and another vehicle were involved in a minor accident shortly after 9am in a city centre street. Judge Mac-Arthur was charged with drink-driving after being held in custody by Cambridgeshire police for nearly two hours and will appear before magistrates in Peterborough next

Maria Cape, a spokeswom-an for the Campaign Against Drink Driving, said yesterday that, if the judge was convict-ed, he should be sacked and ailed for his disgraceful behaviour. "It appears he's a

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Judge MacArthur: gave breathtest after crash

accident waiting to happen," she said. "Fie's broken the law not only twice but, if it is proved in court, three times. He should not be sitting in judgment of other people.
"It should be mandatory

that he is forced to resign or is

convicted, he should be given a jail sentence to send out the right message that we are not going to accept this sort of behaviour from a person in

Judge MacArthur, from Stamford, Lincolnshire, was first convicted of drink-driving in 1985, a year after his appointment to the county court circuit. Four years ago he was fined £3,000 and disqualified from driving for two years after he was convicted of being more than two and a half times over the legal

The Lord Chancellor, then Lord Mackay of Clashfern, let Judge MacArthur off with a reprimand after the second offence and decided against removing him from office on the ground of misbehaviour, but warned him that any repetition of his behaviour could cost him his job.

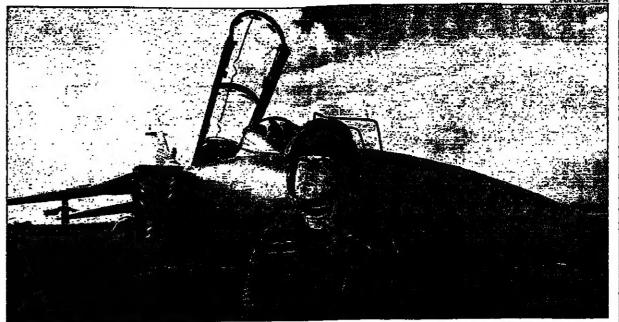
A statement then said: "The Lord Chancellor has told District Judge MacArthur that he

members of the judiciary to observe standards of behaviour in both their private and would not undermine public confidence in them."

The statement added: "Lord Mackay views a conviction for drink-driving as cause for him to consider excercising his statutory powers to remove a judge from office on grounds of misbehaviour.

\*On this occasion he has decided not to exercise those powers. However, the Lord Chancellor warned District Judge MacArthur that, should there be any repetition of his behaviour, he would clearly have to consider invoking his powers of dismissal." Tony Burnley, for Cam-

bridgeshire police, confirmed that Judge MacArthur had been arrested. Following a breathtest, he was charged with driving with excess alcohol and has been bailed to appear before Peterborough



My other plane is an Airbus: Flight Lieutenant Ian Black, who flies for the Royal Auxiliary and Virgin

### Virgin pilot is a part-time fighter

FOR the first time in 40 years, the RAF is letting one of its reservists get his hands on a frontline jet fighter. Not that Flight Lieutenant Ian Black of the Royal Auxiliary is ill-suited to taking the controls of a Tornado F3. He is a retired RAF pilot whose day job is flying Airbuses for Virgin.

There have been no reserve fighter

pilots since the Royal Amiliary Air Force flying squadrons were disband-ed in 1957. The RAF now hopes to have spare pilots it can call upon to boost

numbers in times of crisis. Flight Licutenant Black, 38, who will sed at RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire, was a pilot for most of his 18 years with the RAF before leaving in February. He said: "I am delighted to be the first of the new Few. The aim is to

determine whether Auxiliary pilots and navigators can successfully augment frontline squadrons." With the RAF he patrolled over the

Falklands, Iraq and Bosnia in Mirages and Tornados. But he says that piloting airliners can be just as taxing. Landing in New York in midwinter, on snow and ice, buffeted by winds, with hundreds of passengers behind

### Older workers are at their best in the morning

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

effectively than their younger colleagues in the mornings, according to a new study. The over-17s apparently wake up earlier and are more alert

However, their early enthusiasm for work tends to fade by the afternoon, Tom Reilly. from John Moores University. Liverpool told a conference on ageing at the British Medical Association in London. There is usually a "post-lunch dip". when older people feel like a

Clever employers could make use of that pattern by noons and evenings, he said.

A report of the study in

Occupational and Environmental Medicine magazine also found that jet lag affected older people worse. It suggested that, if they had to take after long-haul flights, impormeetings should be escheduled to a time when jet

ag was likely to be minimised. Tim Carter, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians, said that, for

OLDER people work more the vast majority of jobs, age effectively than their younger should not be a factor in choosing employees.

There aren't many rational reasons why you shouldn't employ someone at the older end of working life rather than the younger end," he said. Supermarket and do it yourself chains were increasingly preferring to employ older people, because they were better at customer care.

Dr Graham Sutton, of the the Nuffield Institute for Health, said older people had organised minds and the knowledge of how to do things that isn't written down". They also adhered to ethical standards from which a company might have drifted.

why younger managers some times want to get rid of them, but if they can work together, then it is generally good for the

Sir Richard Doll, the doyen actively employed at 84, told the conference that the best cure for old age was to go on working and looking forward to good holidays. Any idea that there was an elixir of



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# Labour rebels risk expulsion

Four MEPs are refusing to toe the

party line over PR for European

elections. James Landale reports

today expected to defy Tony Blair and risk expulsion from the party for their repeated public criticism of new internal selection procedures for the next elections to the Euro-

Party whips have given the rebels until 3pm to promise to abide by a new code of conduct that will ban them from talking to the media about the issue. If they refuse they face disciplinary action. Coates

(North Nottingham and Chesterfield) and Hugh Kerr (Essex West and Hertfordshire East) said that they would not sign up to the code of practice. Alex Falconer (Mid-Scotland and Fife) said he was seeking clarification and Michael Hindley (Lancashire South)

was out of the country. The four have condemned the selection procedures being planned by the party under al representation (PR) for the 1999 European elections. Details of the new arrangements

FOUR Labour Euro-MPs are have yet to be announced, but Britain will be divided into 12 regions returning MEPs in proportion to the number of votes cast. Voters will choose a

party rather than a candidate. The rebels fear that party chiefs will use their new-found control of the closed party lists to purge "old Labour" MEPs from the Strasbourg Parliament. They believe that candidates identified as old Labour will be placed low down on the lists, below younger, new Labour candidates, greatly reducing their chances of being reelected. They also object to being told to remain silent.

The code, agreed last month by the national executive and sent to all 62 Labour MEPs. says that they should support the party's manifesto plans for PR and no member shall give statements to the media about any aspect of the party selection procedures which are a matter for internal party dis-

cussion and decision". Coates said breached European Parliament rules, which say that







The four MEPs opposing the new code, from left: Ken Coates, Hugh Kerr, Michael Hindley and Alex Falconer

MEPs should be able to exercise their mandate independently". He has persuaded Jose-Maria Gil-Robles, President of the European Parliament, to set up an inquiry. Labour chiefs deny that the

code breaks any rules. Mr Coates said: "I am not going to sign up to the code. I just don't recognise its legiti-macy. It is not up to a political party to instruct its members whether to talk to the press about proportional represen-

tation or not." Mr Kerr said: "We have got no intention of abiding by the

code." Mr Falconer would not reveal his intentions but repeated his attack on the code, which he said was "draconian intrusion" into his civil In a letter to Mr Cuates,

Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary, insisted there was no question of gagging MEPs but said the code was only trying to assist the good working relations between members and within the party". Simon Murphy, Labour's

Chief Whip in Strasbourg, wrote to the four MEPs yesterday urging them to toe the line

or face "the commencement of disciplinary measures". This could include withdrawing the party whip, suspension or even expulsion.

Wayne David, leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, pulled out of a planned meeting with Mr Coates yesterday after the rebel MEP insisted on having a witness present. Mr David publicly dissociated himself from Mr Coates's position and insisted that the code of practice was sensible.

"If Ken Coates cannot bring himself to abide by the code of not be a member of the Labour Party." Mr David said. "His views are way out of step with

today's Labour Party." Edward McMillan-Scott, leader of the Tory MEPs, said that Labour was "spinning out of control" in Europe. "Labour's code of conduct not only reveals the control-freak instinct of Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson but also is completely unworkable," he said. "Of course Labour MEPs are going to talk about PR for the Euro-elections ... they are talking about little else."

### Downing St can help to show who is saying what

(hardly ever her) a public figure. But, please, don't believe it will make much difference to the activities of the ludicrously titled spinhave neither the subtlety nor the professionalism that

the term implies. Whenever a story goes seriously awry, there is usually a call for the replacement of the lobby system by White House-style, on-therecord news conferences. Not only is this a naive view of what happens in America, but it also confuses the regular collective briefings by the Prime Minister's press spokesman with the activities, including unattributable contacts, of lobby journalists at Westminster.

Whatever the format of Downing Street briefings, journalists will always gather information on an unattributable basis. This enables politicians to talk more freely than when they are publicly on the record and journalists to provide greater insights. Delane, the great Editor of The Times in the mid-19th century, had close, and mutually beneficial, contacts with Palmerston, while later Prime Ministers have regularly complained of leaks to the press (and have often been guilty themselves). Accurate accounts of the Attiec Cabinets were later traced to the weekly teas which the wife of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor, had with a Sunday columnist.

Of course, an unattributable system is open to minister, floats an idea which can be formally denied. In opposition, Labour became adept at offering such "deniable" spin on speeches and policy initiaformally announced.

The absence of direct atploited by lazy or inventive ournalists to exaggerate the significance of a story, and importance of the source. A senior minister or official can become a term of art rather than formal hierarchy. A marginal figure can be presented as someone close to Tony Blair. That is the "problem" which Alastair Campbell, the Prime man, is seeking to address. The nature of the regular

BY ALL means shoot the messenger, or make him has anyway changed and has anyway changed and they are now attributed to either Downing Street sources or the Prime Ministhan previous much vaguer phrases. In practice, Mr Campbell, like his immediate predecessors, already record. A further shift to the American practice of naming the spokesman and even perhaps producing transcripts of daily briefings is desirable, but would

not be a revolution. Moreover, as in America, unattributable contacts would continue on an individual basis between ministers, their advisers and the media. A change in the attribution of Downing Street briefings would not have prevented the confusion of recent weeks over government policy on the single currency, though it might have given greater authority to official denials of stories inspired by un-

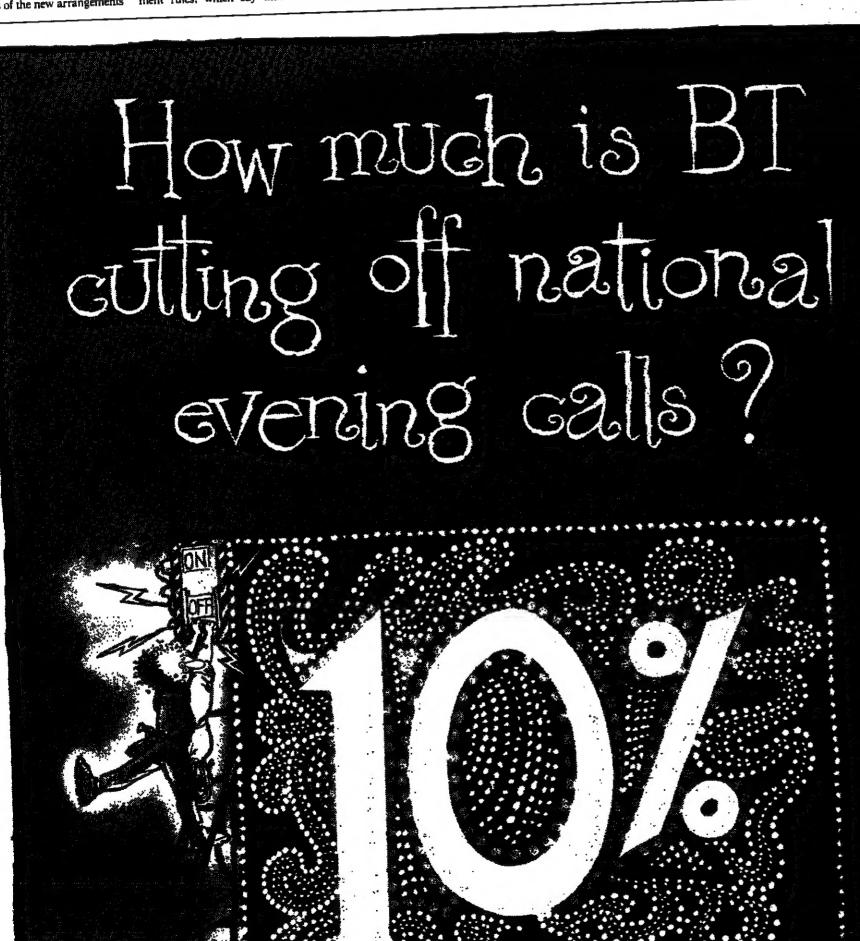
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#### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

in America during the Bush era, I was struck by how similar the two systems really are. On revisiting Washington last weekend, I read political stories in the main papers full of refer-White House or administration officials. James Baker, the former Secretary of State, once appeared as himself, a senior State Department official and an administration source dur-

ing a single briefing. What matters for readers is to know the weight and legitimacy of a story. Is it an authorised leak by a minisand deniable, kite-flying, or merely informed, or semiinformed, speculation by a journalist? We have seen all there will never be a world where everything is said on the record, there is scope to tighten up attribution in Downing Street and the main departments so that journalists are forced to be more disciplined and less concerned with "spin", so readers know who is saying

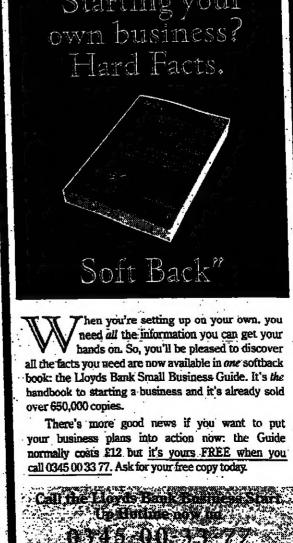
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blamed on fundamentalists, but does little to

stop them, Anthony Loyd reports from Bentalha

THE teacher seemed to col- They were dressed in long lapse as he bent down beside chemise shirts and cloaks, and the verge. He stopped flapping his arms distractedly and instead folded them across his chest like batwings and his face jerked towards the black splashes of blood up the side of

This is where Randa landed," he said quietly. "They caught her on the balcony of the second floor, cut her throat, and threw her off the edge. She was six years old, my daughter's friend. Look at this ..." He produced a passport-size photograph from his wallet. It showed a blonde-haired child smiling

awkwardly at the camera. "I keep it to remember her by. She spent a long time staying with us. She wasn't the only one to die in this building. Four families had sheltered here that night. All were slain. The dead in this house alone could be counted in dozens."

The wind howled down off the Chrea mountain range behind him, spinning small dust devils and torn plastic bags across the earthen alleyways of Bentalha, an Algerian

The bleak poverty of the place only added to the misery of the scene. Ragged, snortynosed children scampered through the burnt-out houses. and the dried pools of blood, the smell and flies suggested that only a token effort had been made to clear up after the massacre there four weeks

It was a relatively modern brick settlement for 2,000 dependents until last month when a group of up to 150 armed men entered it at

For four and a half hours they moved through the village at will, killing everyone they could," said the teacher, Ali. "I ran out when I heard the first shots and saw a group. of about four or five of them.

ning in local elections, party sources said. Three supporters of the Movement of a Peaceful Society (MPS) also

About 15 million Algerians

are eligible to vote in tomorrow's polls to choose mem-

bers of 1,500 local and 48 provincial councils. Nearly 80,000 candidates are run-

The murdered MPS politi-

cian is the pinth candidate in

some wore scarves wrapped around their faces. Not all of them had guns. Some just had knives and axes. I ran back inside and gathered my wife and five children. A neighbour was firing at them from his roof and we escaped to his

Ali was lucky. His neighbour was one of the men known locally as a "patriot", a civilian armed by the Government as part of a local defence team to guard against the depradations of fundamentalist terrorists based in the nearby mountains. The patriot had a lot of ammunition

6 They caught her on the balcony, cut

her throat, and threw her off. She was six 9

and managed to hold off the marauders who instead turned their attention to easier

The house where Randa had taken refuge had no protection but a chained wrought-fron gate across the front door. The terrorists spent a long time blowing off the railings one-by-one with auto-matic fire before entering it and butchering everyone.

They left slightly before dawn, moving back to the hills. The carnage that remained behind them was extreme by any standards. They had torched every house they could. Few of the 217 dead had been shot. Most, the majority elderly men, women and children had had their throats cut. Some had been beheaded... Thirty-four young women

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Algiers: Gunness yesterstay these elections to be killed, text the shot dead a candidate for an No group has claimed respon-

booty. "It was the second tragedy I had suffered in a

month." Ali added. Three weeks previously the village of Sidi Rais had been raided in a similar way. I teach at the primary school there. So when I turned up to work one morning I found half my pupils had been killed. Then I lose my neighbours."

I had already seen Sidi Rais. Its catalogue of survivor's horror stories was almost identical to that of Bentalha: ing evisceration. One man told of having seen his two-year-old daughter fhrown from a rooftop before his wife had her throat cut in front of

The terrorists had tried to do the same to him, their knives cleaving through his hand as he put it up to protect his throat, before crawling away

to escape.
Two of the agricultural villages sitting on the Mitidja plain south of Algiers 15 miles away, Bentalha and Sidi Rais had found themselves in a template of land that has become known as "the Bermuda triangle," to residents in the

As the six-year-old Algerian war has progressed it is this zone of territory, at the foot of the Chrea, that has borne the brunt of massacre and atrocity. as the government forces battle with Islamic guerrillas.

The war began in 1992 after the incumbent secular Government of President Zeroual cancelled the second round of elections which the Islamic Salvation Front, the FIS, was poised to win. Since then a shadowy guerrilla war has cost over 70,000 lives in fighting between the government forces and the armed wing of the FIS, the AIS, until a emerged as the newest and

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said, speaking on condition of

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The agony of Algeria: women weep after attackers butchered up to 200 people in Bentalha, a southeastern suburb of the capital, Algiers

shamed even the AIS into a ceasefire last month. The Government's version

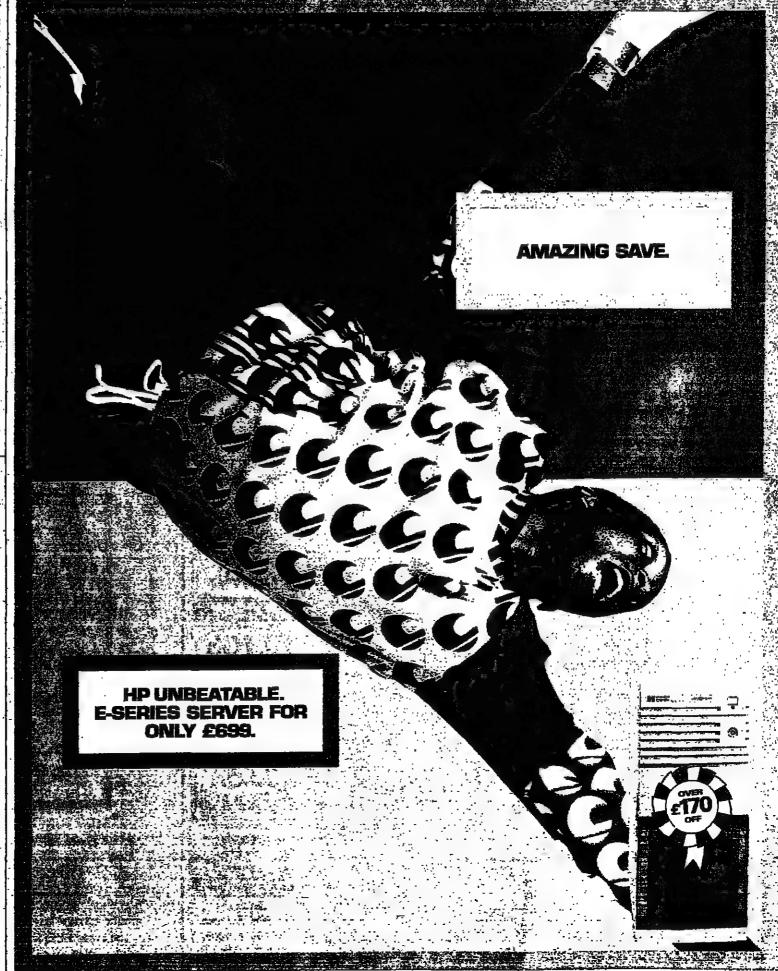
fundamentalist faction armed and indoctrinated by Sudan and international terror organisations, is carrying out night-time massacres as part of a desperate last-ditch attempt to win support through fear. Cornered in their mountain refuges by a revamped government army, the presidency insists, as it has done for years, that the guerrillas are a spent force on the edge of defeat. The reality is that the

Government has little real support anywhere in Algeria, and has conducted itself with scant regard for human rights. Amnesty International reports testify to a litany of detentions without trial, torture, summary execution and "disappearances". Ironically

the majority of massacres seem to occur in areas where support for the Islamicists is strongest. Though it seems unlikely that the army are perpetrating the bulk of these killings themselves they

barracks. In spite of all the gunfire and burning it took troops three hours to reach the village. "There are good reasons not discuss them now."

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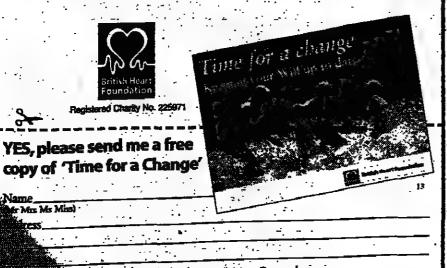
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# Danish nurse accused of murdering 22

A FORMER nursing assistant at a private old people's nursing home in Copenhagen was sesterday charged with the murder of 22 of its residents by administering overdoses of pain killers.

The 32-year-old woman who cannot be named - is alleged to have murdered 15 women and seven men, aged 65 to 47, between August 1994 and March this year. Kurt Jensen, the Chief Inspector of the Copenhagen criminal police unit, said, it is believed to be the highest mass killing by an individual in Den-

mark's history. She was also accused of fraud and theft to a value of \$60,000 and of unlawfully dispensing a prescription drug, a morphine substitute known locally as Ketogan, as well as systematically milking money from patients accounts using their bank cards.

Danish law makes no distinction between murder and manslaughter and police, in statements, used a term that translates as "acrive euthanasia", implying that they considered the deaths could be the result of mercy killings.

in tears, the woman, publicution of whose name is banned under Danish law. pleaded not guilty at Copenhagen City Court. She said: "I had always given medication to ailing residents in accordance with doctors' prescrip-

Police suggest deaths could be

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tions." Only in "emergency cases" had she administered medication herself. A 50-year-old female doctor at the home was charged with accidental killing and gross

negligence in the case. Police uncovered the killings during a fraud investigation at the home, where they heard talk of active euthanasia and mercy killings. A police statement said that the nursing assistant, who worked at the home in the

capital's West End from June

1994 until being dismissed in March, was arrested on Mon-During the investigation residents told police of an unusually high death rate on the floor where the accused worked. They gave as an example the year 1995 when 14 residents died in the assistant's charge. On another

floor, with people of similar

age and physical condition,

In Vesterbro, a working-

there were only three deaths.

class district of Copenhagen, the nursing home now has 76 residents plus a staff of about 100. Its name was being protected by the court, but Ib Schultz. its director, said residents and employees had been deeply shocked not only by the arrest, but also by what he called a media invasion.

Pia Jensen, 58, who lives next door, asked: "How is it possible that no one noticed anything at all for three years. and how did the doctors sign the victims' death certificates

without turning a hair?"

Danish healthcare officials are worried that the case could further erode a flagging confidence in local care for the elderly. Erik Lehm, president of Denmark's National Association of Senior Citizens' Homes said: "Trust in the system for caring for the elderly has been badly shaken by this horrible affair.

Active euthanasia is prohibited by law. We must remind administrators to be on the lookout for all suspicious deaths."

The Copenhagen nursing home toll is far from the highest of its kind. Austria was shaken in 1989 by revelations that care staff killed at least 40 residents of a Linz nursing home. In 1983 the former head of a Norwegian institution in Trondheim was convicted of taking the lives of



The 32-year-old care assistant who is charged with killing patients at an old people's home arrives at court in Copenhagen yesterday. She was also accused of fraud and theft

# Police search for victims in elgian 'house of horrors' Belgian 'house

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BELGIUM faced up to its dark side again yesterday as police came under fire for failing to take swifter action against a Protestant pastor suspected of murdering his two wives, four of his children and other women.

The discovery of human bones and suspicious slabs of deep-frozen meat in the Brussels home of Andras Pandy. a Hungarian-born divinity teacher, has touched a raw nerve in a country still numb from the crisis over the authorities' failure to act against paedophile killers.

Mr Pandy, 71, dubbed by the media "Belgium's Fred West", is being held on charges of killing members of his family in the late 1980s or early 1990s

Yesterday police were dig-ging in a house in the bleak Molenbeek district in search

of more remains. As well as allegedly killing his wives, two sons and two daughters. Mr Pandy is suspected of luring women to Belgium by advertising for a third wife in Hungarian newspapers. Agnes Pandy, his 39-year-old daughter, told police that at least 20 women re-

sponded to the appeals. Police are also investigating the death of an aunt, whose ashes were found in an urn in one of his three Brussels houses, and reports of the birth of a child through an alleged incestuous relationship. Four of Mr Pandy's eight known children are still alive.

investigators yesterday denied that there had been any negligence in their handling of the affair, one of hundreds of cases of unexplained disappearances re-opened a year ago after the scandal over Marc Dutroux, the paedophile killer of Charleroi. In another case that spurred outrage, the had disappeared in 1992, was found in the cellar of a petrol station. Her alleged killer. now in fail, had been ones tioned at the time and released.

It emerged yesterday that

police had questioned Mr Pandy, who moved to Belgium in 1957, after receiving reports several years ago of the disap-pearances of his wives and four of his children. They dropped the case after he convinced them that they were in the Americas by showing them letters purporting to come from them. Material for forging postmarks was found when investigators went to Mr Pandy's house on Saturday.

Commentators asked yes terday why police had not earlier searched the house, where, with the help of dogs, they quickly found bloodstains, the frozen meat and human bones under the floor.

Ouestions were also asked about the indifference of neighbours and acquaintances who reported nothing suspicious as Mr Pandy went about his alleged business. A parliamentary inquiry into the Dutroux affair revealed gross incompetence

among police and magis-trates, an impression reinforced this week in continuing inquiry at which officers squabbled over who was responsible for halting an inquiry that could have led to his arrest before he kidnapped his first two victims.



Pandy's house where human bones were found

#### **EU** spirit to cheer **Swedes**

SWEDEN'S drinkers are preparing to raise their glasses to Europe, despite widespread discontent European Union membership (Roger Boyes writes). The European Court of Justice in Luxentbourg may tilt the scales ruling tomorrow against the country's state

monopoly on alcohol sales. The queue outside Sysrembolager shaps — grey. forbidding places with artificial flowers the sole window display - has become a feature of Swedish life, From Monday to Friday, within strict shopping hours, all hard and not-sohard liquor is sold.

Those aged below 25 years have to show identiiy cards, and anyone with alcohol already on the breath is turned away.

### Czechs hark back to communist rule

CZECH people are increas-ingly dissatisfied with the Velvet Revolution and bumpy road to capitalism: 77.7 per cent now see merits in the communist system and one in four wants the old system

A series of opinion surveys shows that it is not only Romanies who are fired of the present system. The 1989 revolution in Prague was widely praised as a model of transition from bankrupt communism. The divorce from Słovakia in 1993, moreover, gave the Czechs a sense of privilege and prosperity. The Czechs are among the front runners for European Union and Nato membership and Prague has become one of the main tourist magnets of the

Yet the mood has turned sour. Only 44 per cent now approve of developments since 1989, according to the Centre for Imperical Research. Six months ago 52 per cent ap-



Nostalgia increases amid disappointment with transition to free-market economy, writes Roger Boyes

ed by the Institute of Public Opinion Research, showed 26 per cent approval for the new system - and 25 per cent said they longed for the old days. The most revealing find-Factum Opinion Institute, had

proved. Another poll, conduct-

ings, in a third survey by the 43 per cent declaring that socialism was "no tragedy". Czechs questioned by Factum praised the improved travel apportunities and freedom of expression, but said they missed a free national health system and education, subsidies for farmers and public

The positive aspects of communism were acknowledged by 77.7 per cent of Czechs. A

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my in the past year. typical comment recorded by

the polisters was, "what is the point of freedom if I don't have job?". Others complained about the rising crime rate, the breakdown of social solidarity, materialistic attitudes and the unthinking shift of allegiance from Moscow to Washinston. Critical voices were heard not only from those on

the Left, but also the far right. The Czechs are evidently more pessimistic than their neighbours. In Poland a recent poll showed that only 19 per cent would rather live under the old system, and 73 per cent expressed satisfaction with the present democratic

The basic reason for the

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Czech discontent is the dashing of expectations that the strict monetarism and free market commitment of Vaclay Klaus, the Prime Minister, would lead to general prosperity. Much confidence has sapped from the Czech econo-

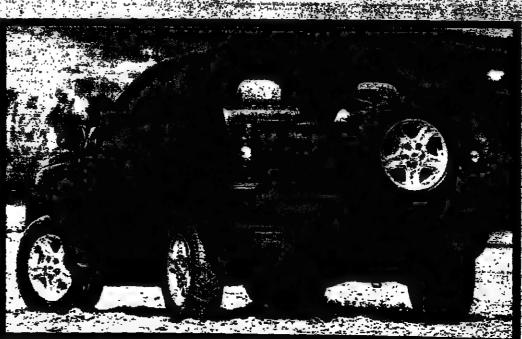
Bishop Vaciav Maly, once a prominent dissident, blames the mood swing on a lack of action against old communists. Since their misdeeds have not been exposed in

old days. "People are without orientation because the top communist officials have not been prosecuted, and courts are working too slowly in the fight against corruption," The Czech Justice Ministry

court, many Czechs have for-gotten how bad were the bad

perhaps trying to counter the criticism, has decided to reopen the criminal case against Milos Jakes, the former Communist Party leader.

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Solzhenitsyn literary prize

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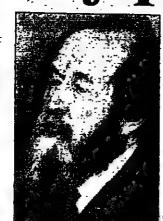
THE Nobel laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn yesterday announced the creation of an annual literature prize in his name to help to reinvigorate Russian writing and culture.

The author of some of the most acclaimed works written this century, said that any Russian living and writing in his homeland after the Revolution of 1917would be eligible for the Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Literary Prize worth \$25,000 (£15,600).

The move was welcomed last night by the Russian literary world, in spite of misgivings about the reclusive author's likely selection of candidates for the award, who are expected to be drawn from the ranks of Slavophile writers, traditionally hostile to the

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russian literature has suffered the same chaotic transition as every part of society. After years of being fed a strict diet of Russian classics and communist-approved writers, readers have devoured the Western thrillers and romantic novels

they were so long denied. Mr Solzhenitsyn has been



Solzhenitsyn: laments demise of traditions

critical of modern Russian society since his return home more than three years ago, after spending 20 years in exile in the West. He has lamented the demise of Russian traditions and railed against the invasion of modern Western culture, which he orice condemned as "liquid manure".

in a recent address to the Russian Academy of Science, the author of Cancer Ward and One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich attacked Hollywood, and in particular Walt Disney, for rewriting

drawn from the Solzhenitsyn Fund, which is supported by proceeds from his most famwork, The Gulag John Crowfoot, the secre-tary of the Russian Booker Prize, which has awarded prizes for the past five years,

said that any initiative that encouraged an interest in Russian literature was welcome: The Solzhenitsyn prize may fill a niche which has so far not been covered by other awards, particularly for nationalist or patriotic writers." Others took a more sceptical

age across has been difficult

Books by the 79-year-old au-

thor are hard to find in

Russian shops. Few people read the last instalment of his

massive historical opus, The

Red Wheel. His weekly tele-

vision programme, which at-

tacked nearly every aspect of modern Russian life, was tak-

en off the air through lack of

interest and many of his

countrymen have dismissed his opinions as those of a

The prize, therefore, should

be a good way of drawing

attention to his views while

promoting the people whose deals he supports.
Natalya Solzhenitsyn, the

author's wife, said in an

Knizhnoe Obozrenie (Literary

Review) that the idea of the

prize first came to him after he

received his Nobel award in

announced in March after

selection by a six-person jury,

including experts on Pushkin

and Dostovevsky as well as

Mr Solzhenitsyn and his wife.

Money for the prize will be

The first winner will be

cranky old man.

view. Gleb Uspensky, the head of Vagrius, one of Russia's most successful new publishing houses, predicted that the winner would almost certainly receive the award posthumously. The problem with Solzhenitsyn is that he seems to hate just about everybody in



A 1900 diamond and gold Russian Imperial Crown replica, above, is part of St Petersburg's first-ever exhibition of all the Hermitage's Fabergé collection

### De Beers cuts diamond deal to seal cartel

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

DE BEERS, the giant South African diamond cartel, has signed an agreement with Russia's biggest diamond producer giving the Russian company a role in regulating the world market and confirming the Russian diamond-cutting industry's

The deal, which comes after months of wrangling since De Beers ended its Russian contract at the end of last year, represents a significant concession by the South Africans. Russian diamonds have in the past accounted for 26 per cent of De Beers's overall sales.

Under the agreement, signed yesterday in Moscow by Nicholas Oppenheimer, chairman-elect of De Beers Centenary AG, and Vyaches-lav Shtyrov, President of Almazy Rossii-Sakha (ARS), De Beers will buy a minimum of \$550 million (£340 million) of diamonds a year from the Russian company - 40 per cent of its output. The bulk of the rest will go to Russian domestic markets or be sold within the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The terms differ little from the previous agreement in 1990 under which De Beers bought about 95 per cent of the Soviet Union's diamond exports. Now, however, the Russian company gains equal

rights on the regulation of the volume, assortment and pricing of its exports.

A small but unspecified quantity of Russian diamonds will also be exported by a separate state-owned Russian company, Almaz-juvelirexport, a move hitherto resisted by De Beers.

The agreement also gives the Russian diamond cutting and polishing industry pre-emptive rights in the selection of uncut gems. Some Russian to London diamond sales organised by De Beers.

It was not clear yesterday what assurances De Beers had received from ARS on measures to stabilise the oncechaotic supply of Russian diamonds and to prevent frequently substantial "leakages" on to the world market.
This had forced De Beers to buy increasing quantities on second-hand markets in Antwerp and Tel Aviv to maintain price regulation.

But Mr Oppenheimer eminterests of both sides to keep to an agreement that he was sure would contribute to the stability of the market, hit hard in recent months by the dollar's strength and the collapse of several Far East currencies.

The year-long agreement takes effect on December 1.

Fokine: Russia's new

### Communists call off challenge to Yeltsin

FROM REUTERS IN MOSCOW

COMMUNIST deputies in liament decided yesterday to drop a vote of no confidence in the Government, Gennadi Zyuganov, the party's leader

"We believe in real actions. Therefore the faction has de-cided to drop the no-confidence motion which we initiated," he told reporters after a meeting of communist statement today on its next

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due to give a news conference. chief, discussed the Government's response to the threat of the no-confidence vote and a letter from President Yeltsin in which he confirmed various offers of compromise.

The communists proposed the no-confidence vote over the Government's economic reforms. Although Mr Yelisin said the Government's overall economic course would re-

#### Moscow envoy speaks his mind West relations, despite the arrival in Brussels yesterday tic attitude," Mr Fokine refuture. The ambassador is By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE new face of Russia is smooth, efficient, professional and thoroughly at home in the West But Yuri Fokine, the new Russian Ambassador who arrived in London at the same time as New Labour, will not always give Tony

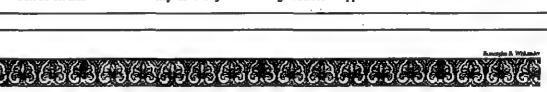
Blair a smooth ride.
Within days of the Prime
Minister's visit to Moscow. Russia announced that it was joining France and Germany in a regular triangular summit meeting. That immediately raised questions in London: was Britain being left out?

plied in faultless affable English. An Englishman will always remain an Englishman. We shouldn't get into some sort of competition vis-avis other European countries."

He said Mr Blair had warmed hearts in Moscow, and struck up good personal relations with President Yeltsin. Anglo-Russian relations were in fine shape, he insisted. based on 400 years of history. Nato is still a cloud on Eastof the first Russian military representative to the alliance. Mr Fokine warned Britain against assuming that Russia was now happy about the alliance's expansion.

But the focus has changed: With the Cold War over, Mr Fokine's job is less to talk politics than to plunge into the thick of capitalist economics. Russia needs investment, and sees the City as a key to its already at home in the boardrooms of Britain's big banks. He wants the captains of British industry to feel as welcome in Russia, but admits that crime is still a disincentive.

Only one thorn punctures smooth Anglo-Russian relations: the vexatious question of visas. Mr Fokine refused to blame Britain for the stories of delay and intrusive questioning of Russian applicants.



SICILLY ISLAND IN A SEA OF LIGHT.

# MILLIONS FACE STARVATION

This winter may prove to have devastating consequences for the people of North Korea. With the public's support, the Red Cross has ensured that basic medical and food aid has been reaching those who need it most. But supplies are running dangerously low at a time when help is needed more than ever before.

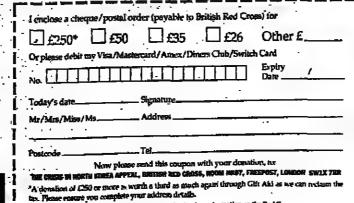
For the third consecutive year, a combination of devastating floods and drought has ruined harvests and destroyed homes. In parts of North Korea children are already having to live on a diet of tree bark and roots. But, without urgent help, many will not survive the bitter cold of the North Korean winfer.

Help is needed urgently to avoid this catastrophe. In addition to food and medical equipment, blankets and winter jackets are now desperately needed. You can do something to prevent huge numbers of children suffering through the winter months. £26 could help feed a family of four for two months.

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# Papon saved Jews says trial historian

IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE historian who helped to expose the alleged Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon 16 years ago has come forward to claim that the man accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their deaths saved many from

the gas chambers.
Michel Berges told Le Monde that recent research had convinced him that the prosecution case was flawed and that M Papon, 87, who is charged with complicity in the Nazi genocide as a senior official of the Vichy regime, was being made into "a political myth".

M Berges, who is due to testify in the continuing trial in Bordeaux, was among the first to uncover M Papon's wartime role as secretarygeneral of the Gironde, but he now says that subsequent research has raised doubts over the extent of his guilt.

"Papon has been made responsible for all the deportations of Jews because he



A lawyer for M Papon shows the sub-machinegun.

gned a lot of documents. They have made him into a media creation, clumsily deformed him into someone responsible for the entire

mechanism," M Bergés said. The historian claimed that M Papon had worked with Joseph Cohen, the chief rabbi of Bordeaux, and Pierre Garat, head of the Jewish Affairs Office, to remove names from lists of Jewish

M Berges said that documentary evidence, ignored by the prosecution, showed that M Papon had been caught removing 130 names from the

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said to have been a present from grateful Israelis lists in 1943 and had been reported to his superiors in the Vichy hierarchy. He estimated

that 400 Jews may have been

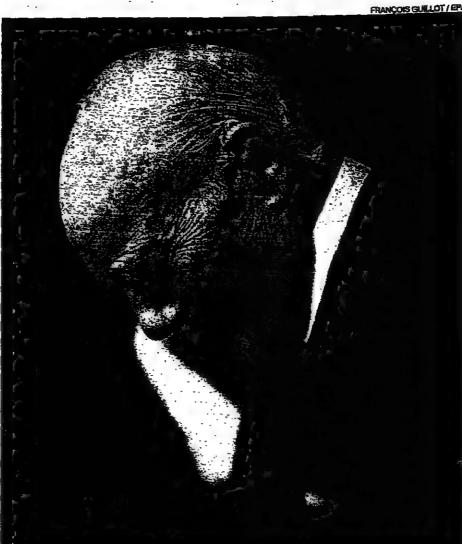
saved through such efforts. M Papon, who stands accused of organising the deportation of more than 1.500 Jews. has testified under oath that he helped many people to official of the pro-Nazi regime and never signed deportation

M Berges has now backed up the claims, insisting that M Papon had no authority to round up Jews and merely counter-signed orders by his this matter and I put my credibility as an analyst on the line: Maurice Papon did not furnish lists of peeple to be

families of M Papon's alleged victims reacted angrily to M Berges's assertions, saying he should have waited until he was called to testify. The historian's claims have bolstered the defence case, and added an extraordinary new twist to a trial that even M Papon claimed was a foregone conclusion".

in Bordeaux, a lawyer for M Papon presented in court yes terday a sub-machinegun allegedly given to M Papon by Israeli officials for helping them in a secret mission. The weapon was presented

to back up a claim by M. Papon that he was not an anti-Semite. The lawyer said the gun was given to M Papon by the Israeli authorities to thank him for services rendered to the state of Israel", including a secret 1948 operation when he was prefect in Corsica.



Maurice Papon leaves a restaurant on his way to the Bordeaux court yesterday.

### **Assisi to** re-open

PART of the Basilica of St Francis at Assisi is due to reopen at the weekend, a month after the double earthquake whick killed four people inside the great 13th-century building and damaged cailing trescoes by Cimabue and Giotto. Only the Lower Church will. be opened, with a solemn Mass on Sunday. Father Nicola Giandomenico, the bursar at Assisi, said surveys

the Upper Church, where the vaulted ceiling collapsed on September 26, killing two friers and two surveyors. Antonio Paolucci, the former Culture Minister who is in charge of the restoration, said the Upper Church would not

Pather Giandomenico gave. warning that if there were further strong tremors this week the re-opening of the Lower Church would be postponed. There were several

minor tremors yesterday.

This week engineers have been reinforcing the walls of the basilica, and constructing scaffolding inside the Upper Church to shore up the ceiling and enable restoration of the



FROM RICHARD OWEN

showed that damage to the Lower Church, which contains the tomb of St Francis,

had been relatively slight. re-open until 2000.



BY MICHAEL BINYON DUPLOMATIC EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday told Tung Chee-Hwa, the chief executive of Hong Kong, that he was "determined to start a new chapter in Britain's relations with China", and said he was considering a visit to Beijing next

In a 45-minute meeting at Downing Street des-cribed as "warm and friendly" the two reviewed progress in Hong Kong since the handover to China in July. Mr Tung said things were going well and both China and the Hong Kong people were keen to make a go of the

On his first visit to London since the handover, the Beijing appointed head of the Hong Kong Special Administra tive Region spent an hour discussing political and economic developments and briefed Mr Blair on the proposed elections for a new Legislative Council.

The message he re-ceived, which will be recerved, which was be re-peated today in talks with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is that Britain is pleased with the way things have gone. The peasimists's predictions of demonstrations, crackdowns and a heavy hand by Beijing have largely failed to materialise.

The Foreign Office said luck from those in 1995. But a spokesman added: "if they are free, open, fair and reflect the wishes of the Hong Kong people, that is the important part."

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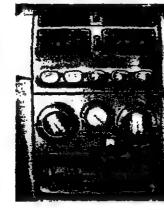
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# Chin US police turn theft inquiry into a fine art

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AN OUTLANDISH tale of art theft - whose cast of characters includes wartime Soviet soldiers, an unsavoury assortment of Azerbaijanis, the New York police, and an apparently dim-witted Japanese businessman - entered its final chapter yesterday at a federal court in Manhattan.

Details of the criminal conspiracy are almost as compelling as the masterworks in question, which include paintings by Rembrandt and Albrecht Dürer, and which are valued at more than \$10 million (£6.3 million).

On Friday, Masatsuga Koga, 60, a Japanese entrepreneur of dubious provenance, pleaded guilty to charges of attempting to sell the stolen paintings, belonging to the Bremen Museum in Germany, where they were last seen in 1943. He was remanded in custody. The New York Times has reported that he has also agreed to co-operate with federal pro-

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Mr Koga was arrested last month at a plush suite in Manhattan's Grand Hyatt Hotel, after he had arranged to meet a posse of New York policemen — posing as Ger-man art dealers — with a view to concluding a sale of the art. His "portiolio" comprised. among other paintings, Direr's Women Bathing, valued An international

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Old Masters, writes Tunku

Varadarajan :

conservatively at \$6 million. and Rembrandrs Standing Woman With Raised Hands estimated to be worth about \$2

On his arrest, and faced with the prospect of 15 years in prison, he told police that he had purchased the paintings from employees of the National Museum of Azerbaijan, in Baku.

The transnational plot soon began to thicken. On October police here arrested an Azerbaijani woman, Natavan Aleskerova, 43, after a car chase through the streets of Greenwich Village. Diplomats at the Azerbaijan

Embassy in Washington have protested against her arrest, describing her as a prominent lawyer from Baku. Her own lawyers have gone so far as to say that she is "the Madeleine Albright of Azerbaijan".

However, the police, who until recently was part of the found three passports on her former Soviet Union. and vast quantities of cash in Tokyo stalled Mr Koga for three months, during which the elaborate foundations for

his arrest were laid. Mr Koga said that the paintings were kept in a safe in New York, so the city's police and customs were alerted. In July, the Japanese man and German officials agreed that there should be an inspection of the paintings in New York in September. That was when Mr Koga was arrested, and the Rembrandt, the Direr and four other paintings were recovered.

the car in which she was apprehended, have charged

her in connection with the

They have also issued a

warrant for the arrest of her

former husband, Aydyn Ali

thragimov, a former heavy-

weight wrestling champion

and one of Baku's most feared

men. He is reported to be still in Baku.

The story first began to unfurl in April, when Mr Koga approached the German

Embassy in Tokyo, offering to

sell 12 paintings for \$12 million. He claimed that the

works belonged to his family

and that he needed the money

Suspicious embassy offici-

als sent details of the pictures

to Germany and it soon be-

came obvious that Mr Koga's

collection was only a part of

the scores of paintings lost

from the Bremen Museum in

The records show that they

were removed for safekeeping

to the Karnzow Castle in

eastern Germany, but there

lieved that the paintings were spirited away by light-fin-

gered Soviet troops in 1945.

That would explain how they

ended up in Azerbaijan, which

The German Embassy in

The museum has long be-

the trail went cold.

for a kidney transplant,

Six other paintings are still missing, and are believed by police to be in the possession of members of the Russian mafia in the Brighton Beach section

### Clint 'copied' husky voice of Monroe

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

CLINT EASTWOOD is about to feel the fury of a former lover, thanks to a book deal. According to Sondra Locke, his aggrieved partner of 13 years, Hollywood's most unshakeabl icon of manliness modelled his screen voice on that of Marilyn Monroe, asked Ms Locke if she had flossed her teeth before having sex with her, and liked to be called

In The Good, The Bad and the Very Ugly, a memoire to be published next mouth. Ms Locke appears bent on press ing home a reported \$7 mil-lion (£4.3 million) court victory she won over Mr Eastwood last year. The book accuses him of waging a silent war against her as their relationship worsened, and of an evil betrayal after its acrimonious cud.

Mr Eastwood persuaded her to have two abortions while fathering two children by another woman without her knowledge, the book claims, it also alleges he bugged her telephone illegal-ly, ended their relationship with a letter from his lawyer and offered no support when she was later stricken with breast cancer.

"For years after the breakup with Clint," Ms Locke writes, "I had struggled for understanding of who he really was behind the mask he had presented to me ... and how I had not been able to better anticipate his ultimate, evil betrayal of me."

A spokesman for Mr Eastwood has said that the star had no comment, "and no interest in this book". He will be hard-put to ignore it, however. Ms Locke has embarked on a promotional tour of eight American cities, beginning this week in Los

Angeles. Her book is subtitled "A Hollywood Journey" and it touches on her early career as an actress nominated for an Oscar for her supporting role



accuses him of a silent war against her and an evil betrayal after they parted

in the 1976 film The Outlaw Josey Wales. It describes her battle with cancer and her marriage to a childhood sweetheart who turned out to be gay — but is chiefly a no-holds-barred assault on Mr Eastwood's reputation.

After breathless descriptions of passionate nights together on the Josey Wales set, where they met, Ms Locke says her sex life with Mr Eastwood became mundane. "Sweetie, did you floss?" became his signal that he wanted sex, she writes.

The book paints a less wholesome picture of the star, now 67, as a real-life lover than he portrayed in the recent romantic hit The Bridges of Madison County. He referred to Ms Locke as 'Daddy's little princess", she writes, and "loved for me to call him Daddy".

Ms Locke was 20 when she met Mr Eastwood, then more than twice her age. She shared his jet-set existence for 13 years, appearing with him in Every Which Way But Loose and Sudden Impact, among other films. By her account the affair

turned sour when she began directing her own films in-stead of co-starring in his. She sued him last year for what she claimed was a secret deal between him and Warner Brothers to under mine her directing career.



### El Niño storms destroy beaches in Rio

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA

A FLEET of lorries and cranes, manned by hundreds of roadworkers, is being deployed to replace sand that vanished from Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach as hurricane force winds and unusually high waves struck the Brazilian city's coast.

The worst storms to have struck the area in decades are being blamed on El Niño - a warm water current that originates from the Pacific Ocean.

It is thought to be the cause of the climatic upsets, such as floods and severe droughts, that have been reported across the South American continent. "El Niño caused Copacabana to vanish," announced a headline in El Globo. Much of the 260ft-wide sandy beach, one of Rio's main tourist landmarks and stretching along a three-mile coastline. had begun to disappear with high tides and 10ft waves last Thursday.

Huge choppy waves swallowed sand "as though taking it back into the ocean", reported Rio's meteorological office. The stormy weather wors ened over the weekend with 90mph easterly and south-easterly winds that swept over Copacabana beach and blew the remaining sand on to

running parallel to the coast. "I woke up one morning to see that my favourite beach had disappeared and the ocean came right up to the street," said one local resident. The high tides also engulied the smaller Arpoador Beach. south of Copacabana, also usually a hub of activity.

Lorry loads of golden sand were yesterday brought in from beaches outside town and tonnes more, which had piled along the promenade walls, was put back in place.

"We have employed every roadworker, and rubbish collector in the district to help to restore our beach to its idvilic self." said Carlos Diaz, who is heading the operation.

### More Chinese take up religion

Two of the masterpieces recovered by police in a

Beijing: There has been a dramatic growth in religious belief in Chinz despite repeat-ed crackdowns, the New Yorkbased Human Rights Watch said yesterday (James Pringle

It says in a report that while sects are especially targeted, Buddhism and Islam because

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they provide a focus for oppo-sition to Chinese rule in Tibet and Xinjiang. But the group says that since it issued a report five years ago there have been improvements, and despite persecution of Tibetans there has been a slight fall in arrests of those who worship in unregistered churches. The latest report comes in

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advance of next week's visit by President Jiang Zemin to America, and after the release of a Beijing document last week, saying it promotes, or tolerates, a wide rebirth of religious activities. But the Chinese report emphasises that religious freedom is circumscribed by priorities such as patriotism and ethnic unity.

**Bonn expels** envoy in drug case

Bonn: Klaus Kinkel, the Ger-

BRIEF

man Foreign Minister, yester-day expelled Berenice Weah Reid, the First Secretary of the Liberian Embassy, and her family because of alleged involvement in a cocaine-smuggling ring (Roger Boyes writes). A Briton was also held. The Foreign Ministry confirmed that the Liberian citizen. Neville Reid, drew a loaded gun when police charged into his hotel room and caught him with 17 lb of cocaine. Mr Reid is the husband of the Liberian diplomat

Star wars' test

Washington: In a first space use of "starwars" technology a MIRACL laser beam was aimed at a satellite 260 miles away, the USAF said. Seconds longer and the satellite would have been destroyed.

Pirates kill 45

Knala Lumpur: Forty-five sailors have been killed by pirates so far this year, compared with 25 in the same period last year, the International Maritime Bureau's Regional Piracy Centre said. (AP)

**Identity success** Jerusalem: Despite pessi-

mism about the Middle East peace process, Israel has given Yassir Aralar's Palestinian Authority the right to issue its own identity cards in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rail tragedy

Bombay: Nine people were killed and 60 hurt when a building at a crowded railway station here collapsed. Two others died after being struck by a train as they fied from falling debris (AP)

Playing safe

Hanoi: Vietnam has banned toy weapons for being danger-ous and harmful to children. The ban covers bamboo and plastic swords, bows, rifles and grenade-shaped cigarette

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Fed up with your wardrobe, looks or personality? Try the image consultants who promise makeovers that also save time and money. Juliette Dominguez did

nce the domain of politicians, corporate executives and pop groups, image the professional middle class. Especially professional New Yorkers, who are united in their quest to look good, save time and, they are assured, "money in the long run". You can pick and choose from a long list of consultants, and from a range of services: do you want a "colour me beautiful" session, a wardrobe clearout and shopping expedition, a personal shopper, or the consultant who claims that she can make over not just your wardrobe, but you personally. with lessons in enquene and style? Using a consultant is an interesting concept, if you just want your wardrobe done and dusted and ready

to wear leven if you You've no do lose a bit of your own style in the bergain). idea how Subjecting my self to what was much junk bound to be a humiliating experipeople keep ence (my wardrobe is a horchpotch in their nightmare of mismatched every-

closets'

the services of the image consultant Pamela Henry, 37. For \$250 she agreed to "do my colours" and rid my closets of any offending articles. She arrived on my doorstep armed with a huge swatch of colours and a determined look in her eye. She has been doing this for five years, and has seen women cry at throwing out beloved but bedraggled items. You've no idea how much iunk people keep in the back of their closets." she says. "My goal is to help to pare your wardrobe down to the essentials, and suggest any missing key items you may need. The wardrobe every morning, and get dressed for work without worrying if you look good."

thing), I enlisted

But was Henry up to the job? She was going to be dictating what I should be wearing, and I wanted someone who inspired confidence with their own sense of style. Except Henry didn't. She looked almost dowdy in her dull, dark brown suit, with an oversized take rose in her top buttonhole. Casting my doubts aside, we started with my colours. After I had sat for two hours wearing a white cape and draping swatches of colour around my neck, Henrinter cool". I could kiss goodbye to all the pastels and spring colours that took up

half my closet. But she was right. I did look "enhanced" by darker colours - blacks and browns and some of the "darker brights" such as fuchsia and burgundy. Henry explained that these all have a blue, rather than yellow, undertone. "I am looking to see how the colours relate to your skin tone, hair colour and eyes." she said. "Your optimum colours will make you look rested and younger, the wrong ones will make you look tired and gaunt. Black is great - it draws attention to your eyes and brings out definition in your lips. Brown and grey bring out a rosiness in your cheeks and the glitter in your eyes. But steer clear of yellow, orange and peach: they make you look green. And the pas-tels are too light, they just

blend away your face." So lar, so good. The colours she was suggesting did make me look better, and sadly, one of my favourite colours. yellow, really did make me look ili. Three hours later, it looked like a jumble sale in my

bedroom. One half

of the room was

obscured by an increasing pile of undestrables - clothes that were either the wrong colour or shape for my "inverted triangle" 5ft 4in frame. Mostly, I agreed with her selection. Many of the items were far too small, or an unbecoming colour. For future purchases, she advised: "You have a great waist, so we want to show that. Wear jackets with some fitted detail, but not too long, as you'll look short. Angled pockets are useful, as that creates the illusion of the waist, and wear trousers with pleats at the front to distract attention from your stomach." obvious, advice. I might not want to emulate Henry's own style, but she was sage enough. It had been a painful experience, but my newly slimline wardrobe did look

clear my closet. Next on the list was Dominique Isbecque, 38, a consultant who offers a similar service. Sitting in her salonlike Upper West Side apartment. I was immediately impressed and inspired by her classic Parisian look Hermès scarf draped around a smart navy blazer. She looked the part — but then at her price range, she could afford to. Isbecque explained

uncluttered and well co-

ordinated - and what a

luxury to have someone else



"Every professional woman juggles three wardrobes; career, cocktail and casual. They all tend to get out of hand'

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her philosophy: that this was clothes. The majority of those who see me are professionals going through some kind of life change. This could be a career change, or they might have been promoted in their job, and need the image to match that. Or it could be more personal, like a change in body weight, or a divorce, and they need to keep control of their image. It is a psychological process, where you're changing your attitude, your perceptions, and how others perceive you."

Isbecque took me in hand, and gave me a colour analysis and consultation (\$175 for 90 minutes) on what best flattered my figure. Both of these echoed exactly what Henry had told me. She offered to go shoping with me (an extra pers. Janet Mick, 27, is the to lunch at her private club to winter wardrobe. This expedition would set me back \$3,500. but, she assured me: "I do not have a minimum budget for my clients. But the larger the budget, the greater the potential of having the perfect wardrobe." She added that a 12-piece wardrobe could be put together for a more limited

budget — say \$1,500. Isbecque argues that after an initial outlay of \$250 for a full consultation

(which includes wardrobe dearing) and her additional shopping service, you can "shop and dress with confidence, knowing that you've saved money and time. I suggest that people re evaluate their personal self and identity every two

One of Isregular clients is pecdne,2 Amanda Moore, 48, an international corporate lawyer who consults her at least twice a year. "Every professional woman juggles three wardrobes; career, cocktail and casual. They all tend to get out of hand. Dominique introduces new combinations from pieces I already have, and helps me to discard those that look bad. She reduces my wardrobe to its essence, and my own signature style. Shopping is such a pleasure because you're looking for things in a colour and style that you know will look good. it's investment dressing and saves an awful lot of time." Those who haven't even

time to go to a consultant can always use one of the depart-

Rac.

director of client services at Henri Bendel in Manhattan. and to see if they need coaching in table manners and Most of our clients are busy professionals who like to get in. etiquette. Then it's back to the office for a personality test and handwriting analysis. "Others know a lot about you from just and get out as quickly as possible. Usually, they'll call and describe what they need. and I'll pull pieces ready for their arrival." looking at you, so you'd better know more about yourself than they do." Her basic premise is that if you want to

play with the big boys, then you have to dress and act like

She's not scared to recom-

mend plastic surgery, either.

"Juliette, go and see the der-matologist and get that mole burnt off your chin. You don't

want anything that distracts from your eyes." She thought I should look more business-

like: "Keep your hair away from your face. If you don't want to cut it off, the it back.

You don't want to look like a

fluffy little girl who is into

nonsense. For the same rea-

son, wear expensive flat ear-

rings, not dangly, and always

employ the services of these

professionals? They were spot-on with their advice — but

somehow, even if I could

can't), I think I would rather

spend the money on clothes.

So, how useful is it to

wear a jacket at the office."

them, too.

A regular client is Donna Whiting, 50, from Kentucky, who recently retired from the family betting business." I will fly in at least four times a year

to buy that season's wardrobe. My last trip was to buy my 'Most are winter wardrobe. which was about \$6,000. It does save so much time, and it's great to have that personal attensome kind tion." If I needed a change of clothes. robe in a hurry. then this was a

simple, cheap (you don't pay for the shopper) and foolproof if what you want is a whole

new you, then Camille Lavington, 51, a consultant who describes herself as a specialist in "executive enhancement", may be the answer. Hers is a service aimed at those who want to get ahead, but feel that they are hindered by their lack of social skills. She views each client as "a project" and charges about \$3,000, "I approach this from a holistic point of view. I will package you up and send you out, but I also put you through a psychological change when I'm doing it. It's a mind trip, starting from the inside and working your way out, packaging you so you're comionable with the result."

Lavington takes her clients

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### Beautiful reason not to strip

SERIOUSLY: how can any one now be shocked by the idea of an Oxford undergraduate earning money as a stripper? Modesty is a defunct virtue, informing most peo-ple's lives as little as that other superannuated accomplishment, watercolouring. We retain enough of a memory of decorum to enjoy the frisson of surprise. But it's just a mime, not rooted in any

Far from it those under a certain age would rather admire Melissa Butler for strutting her stuff at the Sunset Strip in Soho. For them, the stripper is not some sleazy figure, but a strong and is happy with it, a woman who gets what she wants money and applause - for revealing what she is.

In so far as modern wisdom goes, being a stripper is not powerment. Ms Butler's beraviour chimes so distinctly with the spirit of the age: her earnest defence of her behaviour shows its untrammelled introspection; her actions reveal its parcissistic exhibitionism. Anyway. walking about in hardly any clothes is nothing these days, just high street fashion; but being paid to take them off, that's really modern. This is know-your price post-feminism writ large for easy reading.

To be frank, I've often felt

rather doubtful about modesty as it is. Too often, it's just vanity. Most people would take their clothes off if they felt they would look good naked. And who wouldn't wear the most minuscule of microskirts if they had the legs for it?

And Ms Butler so dearly revels in the admiration she gets just for being a woman. She loves the applause she gets for taking her clothes off and feels validated, that other modern buzzword, in a way she never has by her academic

There is a great truth be-British feminists never quite got to grips with there is something in it for women here, too. Sexual admiration is not just about exploitation and degradation. Feminists in France have never had difficulties reconciling their sexu-al-political beliefs with the desire to be and be thought attractive. It's our problem.

And from that problem stems all this. Ms Butler was encouraged to develop her prodigious eleverness. I doubt her prettiness was ever thought to matter much, and if it did, only negatively: brains were always more important than beauty.

And so they are. But it in my belief that the one thing you have to do is to tell children how beautiful they are - almost until they get bored with it. It's the ones who never felt pretty and have to make sure they are who have such problems.

Not everyone can be a perfect physical specimen, but you make children feel attractive, they won't need. when they grow up, constant proof that they are, which is surely what taking your clothes off in a room full of braying men is all about.

#### Why child safety comes first

F I WERE the father in the habes in the bathtub case, I might, too, be feeling unhappy. This is the story, a woman ost custody of her children bath with herself and her lover, Lady Justice Butler-Shos disapproves of that deci-sion. That judge was wrong, she says, and was governed.

by his instinct. I don't say that the mother should have lost custody - 1 don't know all the facts - but surely that first judge's instinct was correct in one spect. There is something troubling here. The children may not have been at risk of intentional abuse. It might all have been done in innocence. But without the natural constraints of blood, there is bound to be trouble. Just look

at the court records. I know incest exists, but it is. the fragmented family that is so unsafe. I am not talking emotionally here. I refer to the physical danger, something goes wrong, and often, when teenage girls are living intimately with men they are not related to, especially when the men are temporary residents. And there can be trouthan one friend of mine had an affair with a stepbrother.

oung to test themselves sexually; the blood family proprotected by natural restraints. When these are not in place, who knows what can

wrong to punish the mother but the law is there to protect children. As his

#### What a rum baba do

ISN'T FASHION crud? Just as Robert Carrier brings out New Great Dishes of World, which ditches old favourites as rum baba and prawn cocktail, out comes a cooler, hipper book from the same publisher that exults in the very dishes he did away with. The Prawn Cocktail Years, by Simon Barcham, is, in its own way, homage to The Great Dishe of the World, now out of print. If Carrier had just had the first edition reprinted, he might have been in retrovogue. Instead, his earnestly reworked pages emit a whill of last year's fad, coriander. Real food has nothing to do what's in or out, but since culinary awareness now comes from the restaurant rather than the home, we are

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"I am concerned about justice now. But

# Something rotten in the system

As evidence mounts that there is a crisis in Britain's childcare, Bill Frost examines the facts and tells the story of one victim

THE GOVERNMENT is to set up "hit squads" to investigate council social services departments as evidence mounts of a crisis in childcare. Claims of systematic sexual abuse at children's homes in North Wales, being heard at a tribunal near Wrexham, have deepened public disquiet. There is also concern that anonymity has been granted to alleged paedophiles in return for evidence. The experts who chair such inquiries say they rarely prevent new tragedies. They claim that many

investigations are an expensive waste of time and that recommendations

suffer at the hands of those entrusted

are often ignored. Meanwhile, the

young and vulnerable continue to

to care for them.

ven at the age of four, Sean. knew that the iour was umusual; his mount, who had died only weeks earliexpected him to play such
expected him to play such er, had never expected him to play such strange and disturbing games. He hated a stanger's hands roaming over his body, but there was nobody he could tell and none of the other boys at the council home seemed unduly bothered by the "games".
For the next 12 years, Sean and his three

brothers, all taken into care when their mother died, endured an appalling catalogue of sexual abuse and mental cruelty at the hands of their house mother and other staff. Like other children there, they began to assume that such behaviour was normal, an expression of affection.

Just days after arriving at the home in Essex, where he had been placed by an East London council, Sean was sexually assaulted by his house mother. The memory angers him still. He stares at a point in the middle distance as he recalls the day she stripped him in her room.

"She fondled me first and then attempted to masturbate me, I couldn't understand why this was happening." -

As the years passed, Sean came to dread weekends when the children were visited by "uncles" -- strangers to him but men known to staff. They would demand sexual favours in return for sweets or other small presents.

When I was about 12 a male member of staff raped me. I remember that the house mother washed my underwear afterwards, presumably to destroy eviand so were all the other children who had been abused: We had come to regard what happened at that terrible place as perfectly normal, yet instinctively we

knew it was wrong. The man who raped me thought I was joining their ranks, that I was a willing participant in homosexual activity eventhough I was barely pubescent. He told me about all the other kids he had abused. "At that stage you try to rationalise

things. You regard the assault as an expression of affection. A little later, while I was still at the home, that changed - I loathed what was happening and saw the attacks as evidence that I was unloved. unloveable, thoroughly

worthless."

sensitive, he was gripped by rage and confusion.
"I couldn't hold down a relationship. I didn't know if I was homosexual or straight. I

When he left the home, Sean

"lost control". Intelligent and

didn't know if I wanted to live or die. That climate of abuse made me feel as though I had been poisoned. "I was disgusted with myself. I couldn't

face the real world and attempted suicide a couple of times. It was clinical despair."

In desperation, he decided to travel. around Europe and sought therapy when he returned to London a year later. He also decided to "get even" with his

tormentors. 'I'll be in therapy for the rest of my life. I wish my brothers would follow suit, but they have decided to try to bury the past. I

know that doesn't work. "We have all been traumatised by what happened to us, this toxic legacy of maltreatment by those who were supposed to be looking after us. So have other children who were at the home. So many, have failed to adapt to the real world and,



were thrown on the scrapheap - and the abuse heaped on us is being heaped on other children now, as we speak." Three years ago, Sean, now a young

father and relatively at peace with himself, took on the council who "imprisoned" him at the home. He embarked on a campaign to unmask the abusers and bring them to justice.

This is not just for my own stability, but for all the others abused then, and all those who are being abused now. There is institutionalised cruelty taking place and no When I one seems to give a damn."

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Repeatedly "fobbed off" by the East London borough's social services department, Sean threatened to take his story to the press. The following day, the di-

rector of social services telephoned. I was sold that my files had been lost, that the raped me' staff I complained of were no longer employed by the council, and that the home had

closed. I persisted, and an inquiry was launched which involved the police. It was a waste of time, even though one other person who had been at the home gave corroborative evidence about the rape and the house mother's sexual abuse.

In the end the Crown Prosecution Service said there was insufficient evi-dence. The missing files undoubtedly played a part in that decision." Sean then tried to launch a civil suit,

alleging personal injury at the hands of social services staff. However, legal aid, essential for a High Court action, was Three months ago he made an official complaint to the council about his

treatment while in care. As yet, there has "I'm not going away - I will pursue

about people who have ruined my whole life, ruined my brothers' lives. This is all about regaining my self-respect, years after they took it from me.

"I want someone to speak up for the children who have been made victims by social services and then betrayed an uncaring system."

Sean's words have an all-too-familiar ring for Allan Levy, QC, who chaired the Staffordshire "Pindown" inquiry in 1990-91. He found that social services staff at four homes in the county had subjected children in their care to degrading

n the aftermath of Pindown, Mr Levy has little faith in inquiries. particularly when they are carried out by social services departments. He says that an independent Children's Commissioner should be appointed to ensure that the Government is not

allowed to slide out of its obligations. "Have we absorbed nothing over the past 12 years or so of abuse inquiries? No one should be indifferent to cruelty - be angry by all means, but learn from the mistakes of the past and ensure they do

not recur. "The Department of Health's social services inspectorate, which investigates claims of abuse, didn't spot Pindown. Where were they? They are good at pointing out defects after the event, but why aren't they making random checks around the country before there is

"When there are so many blatant scandals, one has to ask why they didn't come to light earlier. What is lacking is a national and independent overview of the way we treat the most vulnerable people in our society.

There is no point in being reactive when the damage has been done, particularly when recommendations are subse-

to the conclusion that there is something rotten in the system. The Government has to acknowledge that a long look must be taken at the treatment of children in care, and more money spent to ensure that the mistakes of the past are not replicated. How many must suffer before there is a

Sir Herbert Laming, the man who heads the social services inspectorate, is the first to admit that "everything is not wonderful" in the childcare system. "I am far from sanguine and there must be considerable vigilance. Nevertheless, I am impressed by the courage and determination shown by management in tackting the issues."

Mr Levy, who specialises in childcare issues, finds it hard to give such praise or to be dispassionate about abuse and apparent official indifference. He says the system should not be allowed to fail at such a high human cost, and is critical of

Furthermore, he is "concerned" that the media have been prevented from reveal-ing the names of alleged paedophiles appearing before the current North Wales child abuse inquiry. The tribunal was ordered by William

Hague while he was Welsh Secretary. after Clywd County Council decided not to publish the report of an independent inquiry into allegations of abuse in its children's homes. Some of the most chilling evidence heard by the tribunal has come from beyond the grave: statements made by six men who died after telling police in the early 1990s about abuse and brutality in the Bryn Estyn home in Wrexham were read to the

One man said that he had been sexually abused by a housemaster, who was later jailed for seven years. "I have never told anyone before about what happened to me," he said. "My wife doesn't know.

#### NO NAMES RULE

MUCH to the fury of reporters covering the North Wales child abuse tribunal, they have been prevented from naming alleged members of a paedophile ring accused of indulging in a relentless campaign of physical and sexual abuse against children in the care of Clwyd County Council. Sir Ronald Waterhouse, QC, the chairman of the tribunal, has threatened the media with High Court proceedings if they print names. Meanwhile, witnesses have claimed that members of the ring used their connections with police and social services to conceal their activities. All the accused have denied the allegations. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who has chaired five child abuse and mental health inquiries. takes issue with editors who question the tribunal chairman's decision to gran anonymity. He agrees that the lessons learnt from past inquiries have sometimes been lost because the teams involved are not responsible for allocating the resources needed to implement their recommendations. However, he has no problem with Sir Ronald's decision to gag the press. The problem seems to me to be that there is nobody in front of the tribunal who is opposing the anonymity ruling -- the opposition is solely from the media. 'It is very difficult for Sir Ronald to order otherwise when all the parties say that this is the only way to get people to give evidence who otherwise might not. The needs of a free press requiring that people be named necessarily been frustrated. The witnesses may well be identified when the final report is

neither do my parents. And when I think about what happened, I am disgusted. Now that this has been brought back to me and I have relived what that man did, I could kill him for it."

published."

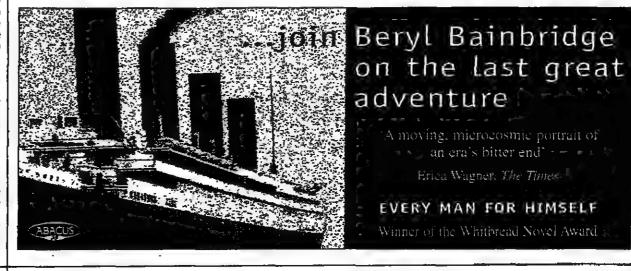
Without full knowledge of the circumstances, it was difficult to comment further on the anonymity ruling made by the tribunal chairman, Mr Levy said. "However, I would hope that the names will be in the report when it is finally published. On the wider question of prevention, though, let's recognise the defects before too many more children and young people are hurt.

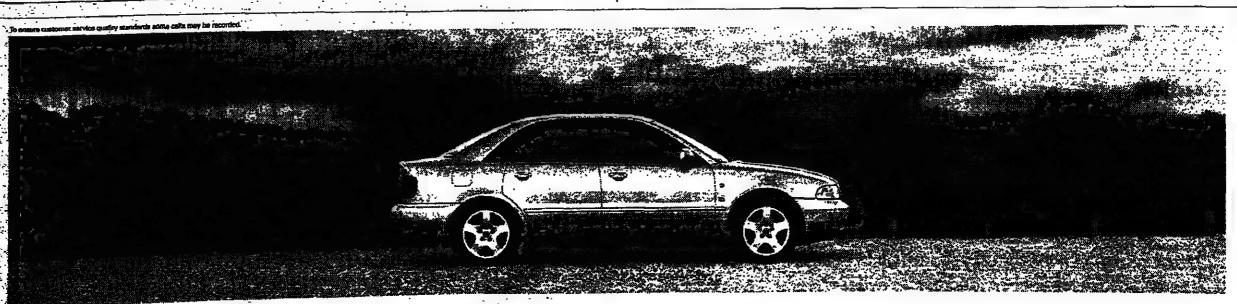
First, let's have independent inquiries and random checks. Then, let's start vetting social services recruits - too many unsuitable people are being hired. Training must be more efficient as well, and managers must be weaned off the principles of the marketplace. Too many executives in social services are more concerned with balancing the books than with the welfare of those their staff are employed to care for.

The new bosses have no experience of the front line, and that leads to poor supervision. And what has the social services inspectorate been doing? The faults in care highlighted during the mid-1980s are still there."

Sean agrees, although for him such calls come a decade too late. "I want justice, and I have just about come to terms with my pain. But what about all the other little human time bombs being primed? Who is going to care about them if the system doesn't?

what I want too is prevention. Please don't let any more children endure what I had





Funny, it doesn't look like the new Audi A4.

Looks however, can be deceptive.

Audi O

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#### Alan Coren



#### What are the odds Baldrick has an answer to the Balkan question?

yield to nobody in my admiration for Robin Cook. Anyone able to combine the equally demanding jobs of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and racing tipster for the Glasgow Herald (a challenge which, history tells us, did not even cross Palmerston's mind) deserves every plaudit a grateful nation can throw at him — always provided, of course, that his copperplate billet-doux at the front of our passports will not henceforth offer 11-4 against the bearer being able to pass freely, without let or hindrance and, in the eternally tricky matter of a statesman's private life, he has managed to uphold standards set by no less rigorous a moralist than Michael Portillo himself.

Furthermore, he is by all accounts so eclectic a conversationalist that I am prepared to accept the explanation that last week's controversial aside on the Kashmir problem was no more than a reference to the irritation which understandably strikes after one has forked out 200 quid for a sleek. telegenic pullie only to have it return from its first dry-clean with bobbles all over it. Mr Cook, in short, never puts a foot wrong.

Which is what, no doubt, gave him both the confidence and the courage to rush that foot in where so many of his illustrious predecessors have feared to tread, viz. the Balkans. Faced, so early in his tenure, with the impenetrable miasma which has terminally clobbered many a promising political career. Mr Cook did not hesitate for an instant. He did not muck about. He rolled his sleeves up, and paked his forearm to the bottom of the drain. He ordered his FO minions, forthwith, to send the stricken Bosnian Serbs a gigantic aid package, consisting of Only Fools And Horses, Lovejoy, Absolutely Fabulous, The Brittas Empire, Fawity Towers, One Foot in the Grave, and Blackadder. Clearly, our Foreign Secretary is a man who knows all too

For what has stricken the Bosnian Serbs is the lack of decent telly. Confronted with an unremitting barrage of regional cultural programmes, many of them repeats, those previously loyal to Banja Luka's SRT TV have fled in their pitiable hordes. Unable to take any more wobbly documentaries about well-dressing or donkey enemas or jamjar museums or rural hats, they have taken instead to the streets. They have become box

That is because they do not know that a deeply caring champion is about to gallop to their succour. Here is what, announcing his splendid scheme on Monday, Mr Cook declared: "Not surprisingly, the Serbian [sic] people have switched off. We want to encourage them to switch back on, not only so they can enjoy our comedies and get hooked on our soaps, but so they can receive a more liberal political message.

This is not just stirring - possibly immortal - rhetoric, it is exactly what we should expect from a great Government which won power through its burning faith in the cathode, cannily recognising that a public bored witless by an 18-year-old soap opera was not going to pass up the opportunity to switch channels, come what might. No surprise, then, that the great tipster should go nap on Sitcom Diplomacy, nor any complaint from us. who so

resoundingly put him there to do it. But, perhaps, a small niggling doubt? Glancing again at the list of video goodies even now winging towards the grateful Bosnian Serbs, might we not question Mr Cook's trust in that political message of his. given the likely composite picture of the country from which it is delivered? A country, that is, patently packed to the gunwales with workshy duckers and divers. incompetent even at the villainy through which they dream of escaping urban blight or rural fossilisation, and rich dysfunctional parasites, legless from booze, coke, and alternative therapies, and venal though inept businessmen, and dangerously sociopathic hoteliers, and woefully disgrunded OAPs — all of them heirs to a long history of mad monarchs, corrupt politicians, evil generals, bent judges, and Baldrick. Then again, it might discourage a few asylum-seekers. Let us give the Foreign Secretary the benefit of the doubt. Call it an each-way bet. ANOTHER MINORITY GROUP ARRIVES ON SOUTH COAST IN SEARCH OF A BETTER LIFE ....

# The grandaddy of spin

pin-doctors have been at the heart of recent comings and goings over the Government's intentions towards the single mills are full of the briefings and moods of Alastair Campbell (Tony Blair's press secretary) and Charlie Whelan (Gordon Brown's adviser). But the name that is missing is much more interesting. No one has mentioned Peter Mandelson.

Mandelson is one of the most remarkable politicians alive today. Either hebrought back his party from the dead, or has made everyone believe he did, which is just as great an achievement. He was probably the first Briton to whom the American term "spin-doctor", which comes from baseball, was applied, though the trade is not new. For at least 50 years, political parties have employed people whose job it was to put a different spin on news stories.

So where has he been these past few days? He still controls government communications. Cynics will suggest he is keeping a low profile so that the odium of EMU confusion will attach itself to Charlie Whelan, with whom he does not enjoy cordial relations. But the truth is likely to be far simpler.

Mandeleson's ambition is, and al-ways has been, political. His route to Parliament happened to include a spell of spin-doctoring, and he found he was rather good at it. But now he is like an actor who wants to play Hamlet, and people insist on talking about how good he is in Coronation Street.

What sort of politician is he, and how far will he travel? We can get an idea by looking at the remarkable career of his grandfather Herbert Morrison, the architect of Labour's nationalisation programme, because the similarities between the two are striking. Morrison was a workaholic who lived and breathed politics. Like Mandelson, his day always started with the press coverage, and if he felt a newspaper treated him unfairly, he always com-plained. Like Mandelson, he tried to control his coverage and was oversensitive to newspaper criticism.

Morrison always understood, as some of his colleagues did not, that public relations was an essential instrument in 20th-century democratic politics. He took care to get to know editors and lobby correspondents, and to become a crucial source of information for them. just as Mandelson has done. The similarities do not stop with their Mandelson's press paranoia seems to

be inherited, says Francis Beckett

You can't

imagine Attlee

passing a

mobile to a

attitude to the press. Morrison advocated in the 1950s what his grandson advocated in the 1990s. Labour, he said, would keep its solid working-class support, whatever it did. The task was to bring the middle classes on board. By 1948 the architect of nationalisation was arguing that the nationalisation programme should stop. The parallel with his grandson is exact after the 1950 which talked of the need to "modernise".

Morrison rose to be Deputy Prime Minister under Clement Attlee. As well as controlling the Government's nation-

alisation programme, he was one of its chief economic policymakers, and for the last few months of the Government's life he was Foreign Secretary. But the top prize, for which he lusted all his life, elud-ed him. Instead, he had to serve a Prime Minister with whom he had an awkward and uneasy relation-

ship. Mandelson, on the other hand, "is immensely influential with Blair now, regarded by many as his alter ego", according to John Rentoul in his 1995 biography of Tony Blair.

Attlee and Blair are the only Labour Prime Ministers to have been educated at public schools, but that is where the similarity stops. Blair's instincts and style of leadership are quite different from Attlee's, and make him a much easier person to work with and prosper under. No one could ever have called Attlee a "moderniser" in the sense that Morrison and Mandelson have used the word. Attlee wrote that there is no point in "watering down Labour's Socialist creed in order to attract new adherents who cannot accept the full Socialist faith. On the contrary, I believe that it is only a clear and bold policy that will attract

this support". If Morrison and his grandson worried too much about what the newspapers said, Attlee may have worried too little. James Margach, a lobby correspondent from the 1940s to the 1970s, wrote: "I

Socialist palate.

the square, finding it "naff."

about bargain breaks.

Blue note

ARCHIE NORMAN has done the

Full Monty. Thankfully, this mod-

ern-day polymath - MP, Tory

party vice-chairman and chair-man of Asda — is not to reveal his

greatness before a hysterical

Smith Square typing pool. Instead

he is to save a group of unem-ployed steelworkers leatured in the film. The Stockbridge Brass

Band has lost its sponsorship and

was threatened with a permanent

muting. Now Mr Norman has

persuaded Asda to sponsor them.

But would the MP for Tunbridge

Wells ever consider such an outre

occupation as stripping? There is

nothing secretive or mysterious

but I just don't want to talk about it

now." Quite so.

have never known the press so consis-tently and irresponsibly political, slanted and prejudiced" as during Attlee's Government. "The Prime Minister himself was a figure of fun in the press throughout his six years in office."

But Attlee never seemed to notice. When his press secretary, Francis Williams, brought him a particularly unpleasing reference to himself he election, which Labour won narrowly, would grunt That so? I suppose they've seen the newspaper stories. Attlee he wrote a memorandum for the NEC got to write something. Circulation, replied that he did not read the Sunday slipping, you think?" He never looked at the cuttings. He read The Times each morning, but only for births, marriages and deaths and appointments; he com-

pleted The Times crossword; and he read the Daily Herald to keep him in touch with what his party was thinking. Williams explained to his boss that Downing Street must have a Telex so that

they would know journalist straight away what stories the agencies were sending out to the newspapers. Attlee asked what good it would do. Williams replied that it would keep the Prime Minister up to date on

> The week after the Telex was installed. Attlee looked into Williams's office to ask why his "cricket machine" was ticking out the decisions and subjects discussed at the Cabinet meeting that morning. Williams explained that he routinely briefed the political correspondents. "OK, Francis, PI leave the show to you. Good work." Throughout his time as Prime Minister there was never a television in Downing Street or Chequers. Even if mobile telephones had been invented, you cannot imagine Attlee passing a mobile through the window of his car to a journalist so that his press officer could pass on the correct spin", as Blair once did.

Margach recalled one of Attlee's few press conferences. Scheduled to last an hour, it was flagging within ten minutes. The replies Margach remembered were "Noding in that", "You're off beam

me — the Cabinet's never looked at it". At last Earnest Hunter, political correspondent of the Daily Herald, asked: "Prime Minister, we're all stumped. What's number twelve across, two words, seven and six letters?" For the first time Attlee spoke for more than ten minutes, reports Margach: "Didn't the lobby know that the first oblique reference was to Homer, that the fellow who set the puzzle that day likes to pop in Latin and Greek hints to put you off

Morrison once visited Attice at Chequers on a Sunday and asked if he had newspapers. "I never know whether to believe him, "Morrison said afterwards.

No other 20th-century Prime Minister managed Artice's grand indifference. Some including Harold Wilson and John Major, have found press attacks deeply hurtful. Stanley Baldwin was provoked into a fierce counter-attack. accusing newspaper proprietors of wanting power without responsibility - the prerogative of the harlot through the ages". Press attacks provoked Harold Macmillan into dismissing a third of his Cabinet. Margaret Thatcher's attempt to ignore hostile coverage may have led to her doorn in the form of the

Attlee's indifference was not weakness, as Morrison thought. It was a source of strength. It enabled him to preside over the creation of the welfare, ate and the nationalisation of one fifth of Britain's economy in the teeth of strident opposition from the media. The newspapers may have had the power to deride and denigrate him and his Gov-ernment, but he had a big majority and the will to govern. He did not have to be hurt by their criticisms, and he did not

have to do what they wanted. Blair's Government also has a big majority, but it still seems determined to avoid policies which will incur press hostility, and it feels the need to try to strain to control its press coverage. Peter Mandelson is now in government. And he has something his grandfather never had: the complete trust of the Prime Minister. Perhaps he and his Prime Minister should acquire a little of Clement Attlee's sang-froid.

Francis Becketr's book, Clem Attlee, is published today by Richard Cohen. mon Jenkins is away.

# Strangers in their own lands

**Isabel Fonseca** on the plight of Europe's Gypsies

n the past few days nearly 200 Czech and Slovak Gypsies have arrived at Dover, joining some 600 others who have come over in recent months. They have been greeted with suspicion and alarm in broadsheet and tabloid newspapers alike. The very word "Cypsy", usually followed by "hordes" or "thieves", is often shorthand for swindiers and parasites; that is, it refers not to an ethnic group but to a social type. They are stigmansed as Eastern European Gypsies — as opposed, for example, to Eastern European Jews. No one blinks if an MP dismisses their claims and maligns their collective character.

What are they trying to escape Gypsies everywhere are mostly illiterare, poor and without proper housing. Their health is worse and their lives are about a third shorter than those of their countrymen. And Eastern European Gypsies are not alone in their vulnerability: 70 per cent of Italian Gypsy families lose at least one child, while among Irish travellers infant mortality is three times the national average.

The social and political climate in Slovakia — where many Cypsies live in squalor and destitution — may be judged by a remark of President Vladimir Meciar. "It is necessary," he claimed in 1993, "to curtail the extended reproduction of [this]) socially unadaptable and mentally backward population. Gypsies are the quintessential outsiders of the European imagination. and in the Czech Republic, since the introduction of a much criticised new Citizenship Law, many have become

strangers in their own land.
The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), based in Budapest, monitors abuses of Gypsies' human rights. Its most recent newslatter documents the case of L'udovit Gorej, a Gypsy who was born a Czechoslovak cirizen in 1976 and who spent most of his life in state-run orphanages in what is now the Czech Republic. Like many other Gypsy children. Gorej was released from institutional care at the age of 18 with nowhere to live and no right to work. He

was an "undocumented alien". The division of Czechoslovakia in 1992 has been a catastrophe for many Gypsies, because neither new state wants them. Without any legal representation. Gorej was sentenced to expulsion by a Czech court, but he was then refused admittance to Slovakia, the country of his new citizenship; at 19 he

was homeless and stateless. Gorej successfully challenged the ruling on his status. He won, but many others are in limbo. When the Citizenship Law came into effect approximately 100,000 Roma were instantly designated foreigners in the first act of mass disenfranchisement in Europe since the Second World War. Some aspects of the law have since been modified, but its substantive defects remain.

The ERRC reports a dreadful list of persecution across Europe. It includes mob violence against Gypsies in Poland; the murder of a Gypsy by a Bulgarian policeman; police abuses of Gypsies in Piorzheim, Germany and Pisek, Czech Republic: attacks by military officers in Bulgaria; mob attacks on Gypsies in Klatowy, Czech Republic; skinhead attacks in Slovakia; Gypsies killed by unknown gummen in France and the forcible resettlement of Greek Gypsies.

In Romania, mobs have torched dozens of Gypsy settlements without punishment indeed, across the region, there has been a dramatic escalation of violence and hatred directed against them since 1989. They have also been subjected to routine, institutionalised discrimination in almost every area of life, from employment to housing. The Czech Republic was singled out for criticism by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights for the disproportionately high number of Gyp-sy children placed in schools for the mentally handicapped.

It is hard to overstate the desolation of the lives of Eastern Europe's Gypsies. They are a long-settled European population and their plight provokes indifference, perhaps, because it isn't news. Gypsies were slaves in the Romanian principalities for 400 years (until 1865): some 500,000 succumbed to the porraimos, or the devouring, as Gypsies call the Holocaust. Their story is one of unmitigated persecution since they left their homeland in India 1,000 years ago. Now, numbering some eight million in Europe alone, the Gypsies are not only the continent's largest minority, they are also the fastest-growing population in countries with static or negative birthrates. And so Gypsies — and the "Gypsy

Problem - will not go away. Only 5 per cent of Cypsies are nomadic, but we still think of them as wanderers. Thus we can let ourselves be persuaded that they want to uproot their families and gamble everything on a foreign "handout". In truth, the vast majority of Gypsies; like most people, want to live in the countries in which

they are born. There is one constructive way to help them out the proven mechanism of "linkage". All of Eastern Europe hopes to be gathered into pon-Eastern Europe. This summer, for example, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary became the first countries to be accepted into Nato after the collapse of Soviet power. We might hope these aspiring nations will meet the challenge of the Czechi President, Vaciav Havel, who once said: The Gypsies are a litmus test not of a

sabel Fonseca is the author of Bury me

## Country death

FIVE months after becoming Chancellor. Gordon Brown has yet to stay at his country residence, Dorneywood. In an unsubtle demonstration of his urban tastes. Brown ventures back to Scotland most Fridays after a week unsending the stock market. This represents a remarkable change.

The Conservative Government was reduced to ridicule when Sir Geoffrey Howe sulked before accepting the house as compensation for losing the Foreign Secretaryship. Brown has made only a fleeting visit to the Queen Anne mansion one afternoon to "have a look", before returning swiftly to London. In response to the Chan-



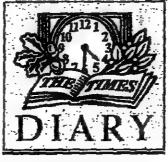
"Bonding, not bondage"

cellor's snub, Domeywood's managers say they have been asked to throw open its 45 rooms to other ministers. Yet No 10 claims its use is entirely a matter for the Treasury". Although John Prescott held a meeting there in July, the building — which costs tens of thousands of pounds a month to run - remains neglected.

The Treasury admits that it has not got around to using it yet. although "it will within the next couple of months", adding that Mr Brown is not interested in the trappings of office".

He is supported by his predecessor. Lord Healey, who found the perk embarrassing: "I was cracking down on subsidised housing, so I didn't think it would be wise. And I wasn't interested in all this bullshit about country houses. So the first time I went was when Geoffrey Howe invited me during his time there."

However, Norman Lamont, who revelled in his residency, is less sympathetic: Nothing but gesture politics," he sniffs.



• WHO says the Government is in disarray? Lord Simon of Highbury, the only minister who could do with more spin-doctors, addressed a dinner of sensible Europhiles at Tony Blair's favourite restaurant in Islington the other night. "I was going to talk to you about the Government's policy on Europe," he said, "but my speech was written before 8 o'clock this morning." Cue tucking of speech back into breast pocket.

#### Naff nosh

GARY RHODES, the unctuous television chef and new Labour foodie, is to start cooking William Hague's dinner. He is to take over the caff at that parliamentary

dosshouse. Dolphin Square. The spikey-haired chef is not one to over-boil his sprouts. His repertoire - steamed seabass





THE dress designer Isabell Kristensen (right) is in despair: her most loyal customer Shirley Bassey has withdrawn her big spending custom. "An Isabell dress split on Shirley, who was singing at the Festival Hall, and now she won't go near her," says the abiquitous Liz Brewer. "It's caused a very unpleasant atmosphere." The impressively constructed. Ms Bassey is in New York, scouring Mary's for sturdier frocks.

• HAPPILY Mr Cook is not too her wine cellar a bit dry. For in her blue. Ever since his old chum Gor. alisence the Prince of Wales threw. don Brown got into a muddle over EMU, the Foreign Secretary has been looking rather chipper. "In-dia," smiles a friend. "Who remembers India now ...?"

Late swing WHEN the Queen returned from

India, she might well have found

sent but that hardly halted the fun at all. Says a guest. The atmosphere was quite different from when the Queen is at home. It was absolutely terrific. Talk about

a better of a party. The music

Camilla Parker Bowles was ab-

swung, the drink flowed.

when the cat is away . . . "

JASPER GERARD

Standing: The Gypsies and Their Journey (Vintage).

democracy, but of a civil society."

Looking back on

Lord Tonypandy

Sir. There is something perverse

about the habit of character assassina-

tion, particularly of those who have

died. The article on Lord Tonypandy

by Sir Robert Rhodes James to which

you refer (report and photograph,

October 17) is an example of this black

A close friendship with George

Thomas since the days fifty years ago when I was his Methodist minister in

Tonypandy enables me emphatically

it is one thing to present a balanced view of a man which recognises both

his strengths and his weaknesses; it is

quite another to convey an image

which I regard as being distorted

beyond recognition. It will cause sad-

ness and offence to many who recall

with gratitude the warmth and kind-

ness of one who brought enrichment

to countless people, famous and

Sir, I am horrified that someone you

describe as a distinguished historian

should viciously attack the late Vis-

count Tonypandy so soon after his

I knew George Thomas (as he then

was) for some ten years in the 1950s

and 1960s. It was then the practice for

the assistant draftsman of a public

Bill to sit next to the chairman of the

standing committee and advise him.

It chanced that I did this frequently at

times when Thomas was chairman.

You report the distinguished histo-

rian as accusing Thomas of chairing

standing committees in a dictatorial

manner and treating officials with contemptuous disdain. The direct op-

posite was the case in my recollection.

Thomas was friendly and easy with

everyone involved, and anxious to do

The distinguished historian says

Thomas only wanted you as a friend if

he thought you could be useful. This

certainly did not apply in my own

case. As a mere assistant draftsman I could not conceivably have been of the

slightest use to this rising politician.

Yet Thomas went out of his way to be-

er met anvone in bu

From the Vicar of Horsham

victims whilst they were alive.

Yours faithfully.

FRANCIS BENNION.

5 Old Nursery View,

Kennington, Oxford.

his job as well as it could be done.

to reject this picture of him.

Yours sincerely, KENNETH G. GREET,

Rustington, West Sussex. October 17.

From Mr Francis Bennion

lamented death.

as he frequently was.

Redcroft, 89 Broadmark Lane,

From the Reverend Dr

Kenneth G. Greet

Sir. Sir Robert Rhodes James tells us

that Viscount Tonypandy, the former

Commons Speaker, was a "bully". If

he was, then at least he was so to his

Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex. October 17. Mixed doubles

#### From Mr T. J. Elliott

Sir. I endorse Mr Michael Pengelly's protest (letter. October 15) about the

ening of the subject.

A relative of mine used routinely to ay "Goodnight" to her husband before settling down to play bridge. This was on the tried and tested ground that they would not be on speaking terms on rising from the able later on.

They remained happily married.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY ELLIOTT. Haynes West End, Bedfordshire.

From Dr David Phillips

still astonishes me. How can one compare the trivial and uninspired C Major string quintet, say, with anything so profound as "We All Live in a Yellow Submarine"

depths? And as for those "poignant texts" to which John Allison refers ("Mood

Yeah, yeah, yeah"? One has only to reflect on the fact that Schubert slogged away on his

own and died in poverty, while Sir Paul McCartney is rich enough to engage a team of "five helpers on the score" of his latest masterpiece, to conclude that a comparison between the two is not so much odious as hopeless-

Yours truly, DAVID PHILLIPS, 1 Post Office Cottages, Shottenden, Canterbury.



### PRODI'S SHORT SPOON

Italy's obsession with EMU has produced a devilish bargain

Last week's Italian Government crisis was short; its aftermath will be anything but sweet. Now that Italians are beginning to work out the costs of Romano Prodi's readiness to be blackmailed by the country's small hardline Communist Party, the deal he struck is revealed as a grievous defeat for social reform, economic stability and political accountability. They have reason to ask what, beyond the saving of his political skin. the Prime Minister has to crow about

strangen

Own land

The first cause for concern is what his decision to win over the unacceptable face of Italian socialism says about the unreformed condition of Italian politics. Behind all the rhetoric about Italy's unmissable rendez vous with monetary union, the clear aim of President Scalfaro and Signor Prodi was to do anything, but anything, to avoid turning to the voters. Now that he is in power Signor Prodi, who once famously exhorted Italians. to "vote, vote and vote again" until they got the government they needed, appears to have lost his enthusiasm for the ballot box. Government crises are once again, it seems, what they have been for half a century, affairs to be tackled behind closed doors by the familiar cast of party tacticians.

Equally disturbing are the terms of this deal. Signor Prodi's coalition of the Left relies on the votes of the Communists; they are the rotten earth around his Olive Tree coalition. Once Fausto Bertinotti, their leader, had announced that they would vote against the "EMU or bust" budget for 1998, Signor Prodi had a choice between going to the country, accepting the centre-right Opposition's offer of a "government for Europe" or buying out a bunch of unreconstructed reactionaries. The course he chose was bad for Italy; and in his anxiety to seal this Faustian pact, he used too short a spoon. That is the verdict not only of any

economist with a pencil and the back of an

envelope to hand; almost uniquely in Italy's

postwar experience, Signor Prodi has united both employers and unions in protest. Confindustria, the employers' federation, has made the obvious point that Signor Prodi's promise to follow France in cutting the working week by 2001 from 40 to 35 hours will, by adding 10 to 12 per cent to labour costs, jeopardise jobs rather than create them. Pietro Larizza, leader of the UIL union federation, not only agrees, but says that the pledge is a recipe for industrial strife and that Italy will end up paying with social war" for the political peace which the Government has bought at such expense.

Signor Prodi may hope to wriggle out of this particular promise, pleading that these two pillars of Italian corporatism must first agree. But he is solidly committed to other giveaways that blow huge holes not only in his reputation for political courage but in Italy's finances. Even in its original form, the 1998 budget was a conjuring trick that squeezed Italy into its Maastricht suit for the time being, but fell far short of the pension reforms without which the State is headed for bankruptcy. It will fall far shorter now. Almost casually, he has exempted manual and other workers from pension reforms, set aside 3,000 million lire of the proceeds from privatising Telecom Italia for job creation in the South and stopped dead the privatisation of ENEL, the state electricity giant. Confindustria says that with Signor Prodis hands now tied on pension reform, the tripartite talks due to resume today are pointless.

This retreat betrays Italians who have shown their readiness to pay dearly for real reform. Victory in this battle against the past is not only indispensable to Italy's survival inside monetary union; it is too important a strategic goal to be subordinated to the EMU timetable. Signor Prodi may think that he has saved Italy from a crisis, but he has laid the ground for a much graver one, and it will come sooner than he imagines.

#### DISASTER IN THE MAKING

El Niño's impact should be anticipated now

The erosion of Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana. tion in Papua New Guinea. The rice crop in beach may be the most spectacular example of the El Niño effect but it is hardly the most important. The impact of this extraordinary climatological phenomenon may eventually cost more than £10 billion. El Niño is a periodic disturbance of the ocean currents and winds of the equatorial Pacific Ocean. As a result, weather patterns that normally travel between the Americas and Asia first abate and then reverse course. The consequence is that areas which would normally expect heavy rainfall receive relatively: little and places that would usually anticipate little rain are suddenly inundated. This is most dramatic in the Pacific but it affects the entire planet.

El Niño is not in itself novel. Until recently, it has occurred on a regular basis every three to seven years. The scale is usually modest although always disruptive. It has been 15 years since the last major disaster which led to more than a thousand deaths and £8 billion in expense. For reasons that remain a matter of extreme meteorological controversy, these patterns seem to have altered of late. Some sort of El Niño was registered in every year between 1991 and 1995. In 1996 it suddenly disappeared completely. This year is likely to witness the most serious example this century. Average global temperatures may reach their highest-ever recorded levels this year. They will

probably be exceeded once again in 1998. It is difficult to understate the devastation this involves. The vast forest fires in Indonesia, which have blanketed neighbouring nations in poisonous haze, have been gravely worsened by the drought caused by El Niño. Harvests have suffered and water has become exceptionally scarce throughout that region, halting most mineral produc-

the Philippines has all but failed. The west coast of the Americas has endured turnultuous rainfall from Canada to Chile. Floods have prompted vast insurance claims in California. The outcome will be noted in the supermarket as well as South America, Grain has been hit hard throughout the southern hemisphere. Coffee prices will spiral. Chilean wine will prove a washout.

If, as seems likely, this is indeed the largest El Niño on record then numerous fragile economies will suffer enormous harm. The full scale of their pain will become apparent only next year when the extremely warm ocean currents that have rapidly moved from one end of the Pacific Ocean to the other finally run their course. Sea temperatures, which are currently more than 5C above average, should then start to cool. The World Bank has swiftly alerted aid agencies to the coming problems. It is less clear whether individual donor nations are

as equally prepared.

Mankind will never achieve control over the elements. That does not mean that people are entirely helpless. The American Climate Prediction Centre has become ever more accurate in its anticipation of both the timing and extent of El Niño. Last time, countries that heeded these early warnings were able to alter crop plantings, to beneficial effect. Those that did not this time will have little excuse, Although the World Bank has been vigilant, other international bodies have been less impressive. Those responsible for advance purchase of agricultural commodities have substantial room for sharp improvement as well. Brazil's beaches will recover in due course. A more robust approach could ensure that others are better

able to adjust to this climatic freak.

#### ER, MINISTER

Ministers should not sign what they have not read

British officials have an international reputation, normally deserved, as skilled drafters of international agreements. British ministers, too, pride themselves on being alert to the hidden perils of the small print. Yet the only rational explanation for Britain's enthusiastic adherence to the Dublin Convention on the treatment of asylumseekers in the European Union is that its negotiators spent three years half asleep and that no one bothered to read the final text before the then Home Secretary, David Waddington - who appears not even to

remember doing so - signed it in June, 1990. John Major surely cannot have read it either, or he would not have ratified it in July 1992, earlier than any of the other 12 EU signatories except Denmark. Until this week, no one seems to have checked it either. Since 1990, Home Office ministers and officials have been briefing journalists, and maintaining in legal submissions to British courts, that the convention affirms Britain's right to return asylum-seekers to the first EU country entered. In 1992, when Britain was, to its shame, sending genuine refugees from the former Yugoslavia back to countries such as Germany which already had more than 200,000 of them, the Home Office privately dubbed this "to do a Dublin". Tony Blair, who as Shadow Home Secretary protested vehemently at the time that Britain's conduct was "disgraceful", did not query its: unwonted display of Tory carelessness legality. Only now, after the convention has . should put this Government on its guard.

entered into force, have officials "discov-

ered" that it means the exact opposite. Yet no legal genius is required to under stand this; Article 7 is as clear as it is explicit. It says that where an "alien", defined as any non-EU citizen, enters a EU member state without needing a visa, then proceeds toanother EU state and there lodges an application for asylum, "the latter state shall be responsible for examining the application". This is reinforced by Article 8. Article 10 further obliges that state to accept back asylum-seekers who then slip into another EU country, even if it has rejected their application or if they have withdrawn it and

applied in another EU state. The Dublin Convention serves some useful purposes. The rules prevent asylumseekers "shopping around" for the country with the highest benefits or - as in Britain's case - the slowest procedures. They also aimed at ending the inhumane shunting of asylum-seekers from airport to airport while governments argued over who was responsible. But the main argument for dropping the "first safe country" rule was that the EU was to abolish internal frontiers, which Britain has always refused to do. Britain should not therefore have signed. It cannot now, like Humpty Dumpty, assert that this convention means just what I choose it to mean". But in future EU negotiations, this

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#### Commonwealth and human rights

From Mrs Anita Roddick. Founder of the Body Shop

Sir. Last week, a single, creased passport-sized photo of an Ogoni man called Kale Bete arrived in the mail for me from Nigeria. His picture joins 19 others on my wall of Ogoni men who today sit in a stinking cell at Port Harcourt prison: the same cell from which they watched the execution of their leader. Ken Saro-Wiwa, during the last Commonwealth Heads of Gov-

ernment meeting in Auckland in 1995. Two years on, these 20 young men, held for over three years without trial, are facing the same trumped-up charges used by the Nigerian military to justify the execution of Ken and eight others. Their conditions are appalling. driving them to a hunger strike last month, which resulted in one of their number being rushed to hospital.

This week, the same Common wealth leaders who so vehemently condemned Ken's killing meet in Edinburgh. But, at the weekend, while Kale Bete and his 19 colleagues languish in their dark hole, the Commonwealth leaders will be "relaxing at St Andrews.

No doubt we will hear talk of "progress" in Nigeria and calls for "quiet iplomacy" if prisoners are to be released. It has already started. Chief Anyaoku, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, is already talking of "Nigeria putting itself right in the space of the next 12 months". Apparently, Commonwealth leaders want to give the military dictators a chance and not act against them as they promised two years ago. Instead, they are giving them another 12 months in which to hold democratic

Have our leaders learned nothing! It pains me to remember how Ken's son pleaded in Auckland with the Commonwealth to take effective action to save his father. They didn't, telling him and the rest of us that "quiet diplomacy" would save the day. It didn't.

If Kale and his colleagues are to avoid the same fate, the Commonwealth must act this time. If Nigeria is to get its extra year, then every month must see another step on the road to democracy, beginning with the re-lease of the Ogoni 20 and followed by the withdrawal of the Nigerian military from Ogoniland. If not, then the Ogoni 20 will no longer be innocent prisoners of the Nigerian dictatorship, but of the Commonwealth as a

Yours faithfully. ANITA RODDICK Founder, The Body Shop, The Body Shop International pic, Watersmead, Littlehampton, West Sussex. October 20.

#### Gypsies from Slovakia

From the Reverend John Webster Sir, Who will stand up for the "up to 6,000 Gypsies" who say they face per-secution in Eastern Europe (reports, October 20, 21)?

Some may certainly be coming to this country for economic reasons, but every Romany must be fearful of what may befall them when they have curfews imposed by the Slovak Government and the same Government has cut child benefit to Romanies to curb the "reproduction of socially unaccept-

The Romany people have every right to their ancient language and culture, and were shown more toleration by the old Habsburg regime than many of the modern so-called "democracies" of Eastern Europe. A large portion of Romanies are God-fearing Christian people, many of them Pente-

Will our Foreign Secretary, who is seeking to exercise ethical values in diplomacy, and our representative at the United Nations speak for them?

Yours sincerely, JOHN WEBSTER (Minister, Stoneham Road Baptist Church). 7 Amherst Crescent, Hove, East Sussex October 21.

#### Caught on camera

From Mr T. Jackson

Sir, Having recently made a return journey between London and Preston by road, negotiating three busy moneways (M25, M40 and M6) in the process, I would like to offer a tip to those many reasonable, law-abiding and competent car drivers among your readers who have suffered the menace of other cars tailgating them at high speed in an attempt to "bully" their way past.

Simply ask your passenger to turn around and point a video recorder at the offending vehicle through the back window and then watch it retreat quickly into the distance. It is partieffective when the now surprised driver is simultaneously making one of those terribly urgent mobile phone calls.

Yours faithfully, TIM JACKSON, 29 Pinfold Road, Streathern, SWI6. October 19.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be found to 0171-782-5046. c-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

#### Nigella Lawson's 'no-hope' teachers

Sir, As a teacher I encourage my

pupils to avoid prejudice, stereotyping

and generalisations, all glaring fea-

She maintained that, "most teach-

ers are those graduates with the least

imagination". I have found the re-

verse to be true, as most teachers wish to share with children the wonder of

the world, its richness and complexity.

My colleagues are caring, commit

ted and accept a moral responsibility

a responsibility lacking in Nigella Lawson's column.

High Park, Hawarden, Flintshire.

Sir, Substitute the word journalist for

teacher and most of Nigella Lawson's

Sir. Nigella Lawson is quite right to

point out that most teachers are not

very good: neither are car workers or

Most, like me, are pretty average.

The difference is that Ford and Times

Newspapers have created systems

which allow average workers to pro-

duce a perfectly acceptable product. Unfortunately this is something

which those managing the education

service have failed to do.

From Professor Emeritus

43 Horseshoes Way, Brampton,

Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Yours faithfully,

PHIL THANE

D. Tabor, FRS

October 15.

From Mr Clive Howarth

column would stand.

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From Mr Phil Thane

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Yours faithfully.

The Old Barn.

October 16.

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Yours faithfully, M. TIBBETT,

tures of Ms Lawson's diatribe.

Sir, Nigella Lawson (article, "Nohopers in the classroom", October 15) makes some useful points concerning the lack of good teachers. Teachertraining courses are generally regarded as a waste of time by graduates whom I have known over the years. But the real difficulty is that reaching is no longer any fun. It has always been hard work: now it is just

drudgery. Lack of discipline, because teachers now have no effective sanctions, and the plethora of regulations mean that it is almost impossible to get on with the job. Many able teachers are long-ing to get out and quite a number seek early retirement.

Yours faithfully, P. P. S. BROWNLESS, (Headmaster, Lambrook School, Bracknell, 1954-71), The Hornpipe, Oak Meadow, Birdham, Chichester, West Sussex.

October 16.

Sir, Nigella Lawson reflected the challenge I face as an undergraduate considering a possible career in teaching. My experience in state schools has, sadly, provided me with more reasons

not to enter teaching than to do so. I have met teachers without basic O-level/GCSE qualifications and noted how dogma and liberal theory have been put before the educational wellbeing of the children. I have witnessed staff political struggles which have been more childish than the children and met arrogant headteachers whose "philosophy" must be carried out by all staff, or else.

It will take more than cinema advertisements with "successful" people, none of whom entered teaching (report, October 15), to convince me. Teaching and teacher-training need further reform. They need to embrace the very values that many teachers reject - competition and selection. Future teachers, but more important current teachers, must be fully ex-

Yours sincerely, N. WELTON. The White House, I Aberdulais Road Llandaff North, Cardiff. October 15.

#### Living wills

From Mr Gerard Wright, OC

Sir, You report today the Lord Chancellor's expressed intention to initiate legislation which will give legal validity to so-called "living wills". A living will is more properly called an advance directive; it sets out a person's wishes should there come a time when he or she is physically or mentally incapable of consenting to, or of

refusing, medical treatment, In proposing new legislation the Lord Chancellor is thus stepping into a medico-legal minefield. Who will inform the maker of an advance directive that there are strong grounds for believing that an unconscious or vege tative person who is deprived of hy-dration will suffer all the pangs of thirst and will die in agony?

Who will be able to inform the advance director what advances will

From Mr.P. R. Millest

Magistrates' courts From Mr M. D. Sugden, JP

Sir, The objective of a balanced bench, expressed by the Lord Chancellor in his letter (October 15), is praiseworthy. Whether political persuasion should be one of these factors in that balance however, doubtful.

By insisting on knowing the voting intentions of a candidate for the bench the Lord Chancellor is disregarding the privacy of the ballot box, which should be inviolate.

Furthermore it is difficult to understand how knowledge of a candidate's voting intentions contributes towards a balanced bench; once there is a balance of sex, age and occupation a cross-section of the local population is

immediately present. The Lord Chancellor would be well advised to drop the political question, which many find distasteful.

Yours sincerely.
MICHAEL SUGDEN. The Coach House. Eartham, Chichester, West Sussex. October 18.

#### Strokes and polyglots From Dr B. I. Chazan

Sir. I was fascinated to read about the foreign accent syndrome ("Scots stroke victim awoke with a South African accent", report, October 13).

In the early 1960s I reviewed a chapter on the effect of strokes on polyglots. written by a professor of neurology in Jerusalem's Hadassah University Hospital He found that, on recovery from a serious stroke, patients who previously had been fluent in several languages tended to revert to their mother tongue. This sometimes had very distressing consequences. Thus the high German of an intellectual Swiss was replaced by coarse low German on his recovery from a

More poignant was the case of a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany who, on reaching the shore of what is now Israel, swore that from that day

on he would not utter a word of German. He settled on a Kibbutz and assiduously learned, and subsequently became highly proficient in, Modern Hebrew. After a stroke in his 50s, thirty years on, he was horrified to discover that the only language he could speak was German

I wonder if Scouses or Cockneys or Glaswegians (like myself), who have gentrified their accents, revert to their robust native accent after a cerebral event. I have not noted this in any of my patients. Could the change in accents described in the report be more apparent than real, resulting from spastic rigidity in muscles concerned with vocalisation and articulation?

Yours sincerely, B. I. CHAZAN. White Gates, Ashburne Court, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the Reverend P. P. S. Brownless From Mrs M. Tibbett

From Mr Neil Welton

posed to them.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TABOR, 8 Rutherford Road, Cambridge. October 15.

some positive, upgrading and encouraging remarks about teachers?

Sir. Could we not, for a change, read

have been made in medical science by

the time that the directive becomes operative? Who can predict that in 20 or 30 years' time the 20-year-old who has bought a form from a supermar-

ket (as Alian Levy, QC, suggests he could) will still be of the same mind or will even remember that he has made a directive forbidding doctors from providing treatment which they know

The advance directive is much cherished by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society. It is part of the culture of death which is insidiously growing in our society. The Logd Chanceltor should reject this highly dangerous concept.

can restore the director to good

Yours etc., GERARD WRIGHT. Kings Court. Kings Gap, Hoylake, Wirral. October 14.

closure of magistrates courts. As a prosecuting solicitor I used to cover

five courts in west Dorset in the 1970s;

even then we were never short of

I also endorse the case made by the

Chairman of the Hong Kong Magis-

trates' Association, in an adjoining let-

ter, for enlarging the work of magis-

I was later a salaried (ie, stipen-diary) magistrate in Hong Kong: the system was remarkably efficient and

the number of appeals to the higher courts was infinitesimal.

courts would have to be accompanied

as regards efficiency (but not local

convenience) by the appointment of

many stipendiaries.

P. R. MILLEST.

The Old School,

Hogshill Street,

October 15.

Beaminster, Dorset.

I am, Sir, your faithfully,

Any closure of present magistrates

Sir. Your correspondence on the relationship between tennis partners (October 14 and 17) prompts a broad-

October 17.

'Standing Stone'

Sir. I for one remember your critic William Mann's comparison of the Beatles with Schubert, back in 1967. It

the very words suggesting oceanic

music for the middle-aged", report, October 15), how could one mention anything by Goethe (Ich denke dein, for example), set to music by that poor hack Schubert, in the same breath as the beautiful and subtle Beatles lyric,

ly incongruous.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 21: The Rt Hon James Bulger (Prime Minister of New Zealand) was received by The Queen this afternoon.

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of he Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh,
Founder and Chairman of the
International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-national Association, today at-tended a Reception to launch the Sixth International Award Scheme Forum at New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SWI, The Prince of Wales, on behalf of

The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this thorning Major General Sir Philip Ward (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Mrs. Mugabe and welcomed Their Excellencies on baball of Has Maisonlencies on

behalf of Her Majesty. The Lord Hoyle (Lord in Waliing) was present at Waterloo International Station, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Kiribatl and Madam Tito and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 21: The Princess Royal today visited Plymouth and was received by Vice Admiral Str Robert Gerken (Deputy Lieutenant

Her Royal Highness. President, Save the Children Fund, this morning visited the shop at 73 Cornwall Street and afterwards attended a Luncheon for voluneers and supporters on board HMY Britannia.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon opened the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club's Clubhouse in Madeira Road and ater attended the Annual General Meeting at Plymouth Hoe Moar House, Armada Way.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended a Dinner and Reception on board the Royal BT JAMES'S PALACE

October 21: The Prince of Wales this aherndon gave a Reception for the General Osteopathic Council at Sr James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, this evening hosted a lecture on "integrated Healthcare — A Way Forward for the Next

Five Years? ", introducing a repor on patient centred healtho bining complementary and ortho-dox medicine, and afterwards gave

a Reception at St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales, President. afterwards attended a Reception at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SWI, to thank supporters of The Prince's Trust, KENSINGTON PALACE

October 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Guide Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of brooches to those KENSINGTON PALACE October 21: The Duke of Glouces

ter this morning visited the Jumeirah Beach Hotel and Resort Project, Dubai. United Arab Emirates.

His Royal Highness was later received by Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (Crown Prince of Dubai and Minister of

The Duke of Gloucester after-wards visited Shaikh Saced Al Makroum House Museum. The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited the Al Noor Training Centre for Handicapped Children, Dubai, and afterward visited the British Embassy.

Later The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained to Choicester were entertained to Luncheon by the Government of Dubai at Dubai Creek Yacht Club. His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the British Council

and unveiled a plaque to mark the inauguration of the joint venture herween the British Council and the British Tourist Authority. The Duke of Glouceste visited the Arab Oil and Gas Show and the Big Five Exhibition at the Dubai World Trade Centre. The Duchess of Gloucester this

afternoon visited the Dubui Wornen's College.

Their Royal Highnesses this evening attended a Dinner given by the Dubai British Business

Group at the Holiday Lnn Crowne Plaza Hotel, Duhai. YORK HOUSE STUAMES'S PALACE October 21: The Duke of Kent, Vice-chairman, the Bridsh Over-seas Trade Board, this morning

Hotel, Seoul, Korea, between the Federation of Korea Industries and the Confederation of British Industries.

His Royal Highness later opened the British Fashion Fair organised by the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council at the

#### Today's birthdays

Lord Birkett, 68: Colonel J.N. Biashford-Snell, explorer, 61: Mr W.P. Bowman, chairman, Covent Garden Market Authority, 65; Mr L.R. Carus, former Principal. Birmingham School of Music. 70; Mrs B.D. Craig. former Principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 82; Miss Catherine Deneuve, actress. American historian, 74: Colonel Sir Dennis Fuulkner, 71: Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Gold Stick in Waiting to The Queen, St; Miss Joan Fontaine, actress, 80; Lady (Michael) Fox, former director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 69; Mr Jeff Goldblum, actor, 45: Mr Mike Hendrick, cricketer, 49; Sir Mich-

63: Miss Irene Hindmarsh, former Principal, St Aidan's College, Durham. 74; Sir Derek Jacobi, actor 59; Mrs Doris Lessing, author, 78; Mr Christopher Lloyd, actor, 59; Sir Donald McIntyre, opera singer, 63; Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, former Editor, The Sun. 51; Sir James Sharples, Chief Constable Mcrseyside, 54; Mr Michael Stoute, racehorse trainer, 52; Vice Admiral Sir FitzRoy Talbox, 88; Mr General for England and Wales 71: Admiral Sir Hugo White, 58: Admiral Sir David Williams, for-mer Governor, Gibroltar, 76; Professor Sir David Williams, QC. former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 67: Professor John Wing, psychiatrist, 74.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron,

London Federation of Clubs for Young People, will attend a dinner to launch Friends of the Federation, at St James's Palace at 7.15. The Princess Royal, as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Sefton Carers Centre, 39/41 South Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, at 10.50; as Patron National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open Crosby Citizens Advice Bureau's new premises in Prince Street, Water loo, at 12.10; and as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, wil attend a fundraising luncheon at Croxteth Hall Conference Centre at 1.05. Later, she will deliver a lecture at the Lothian European Lectures 1997 Europe and the Commonwealth, at Edinburgh City Chambers, at 6.20. Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the annual cocktail party of Queen Alexan-dra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 7.00.

#### **Professor Roger** Hardisty

A memorial service for Roger Hardisty, Professor of Haema-tology at the Institute of Child Health, will be held in the Church of St George the Martyr, Queen Square, London WCI at 2.30pm on Monday, December 1, 1997. All are weicome.

#### Dinners

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
Dr Walter Eltis was the principal

guest at the Scientific Instrument Makers' 1997 Admission Court dinner held last night at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall after Sir Ivor Cohen was installed as Master. Mr Brian Atherton as Senior Warden and Mr Trevor Dixon as Junior Warden. The Master pre-sided and Mr Gordon Hall proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory of Admiral Lord Nelson. During the dinner the Maste presented the company's 1997 awards to the best Royal Engineer

awards to the best Royal Engineer students at the Royal School of Military Survey. Captain J.C.P. Owens, RE, and Corporal S.R. Fairclough and to Flight Lleutenant P. Rees of the Department of Specialist Ground Training at RAF Cranwell. The Master also constituted the amainst of the land of the control of arricunced the granting of scholar-ships and postgraduate bursaries to young men and women studying instrumentation-related sub-jects at various universities.

Among others present were:
The Masters and Clerks of the
Glasters, Spectacle Majors, Clockmakers, Laundersy, and Engineers,
Companies, the Chief Intervision of the
School of Military Survey and the
Director of the Department of Specials
Ground Taining, RAF Cranwell. United & Cecil Club

principal guest at a United & Cecil Club dinner held last night at the House of Commons, Sir Marcus Fox, chairman, presided and Mr Michael Withers also spoke. Naval himorium

Professor Dr Jürgen Rohwer was the guest at the naval historians' Trafalgar Night dinner held last night at the Garrick Club. Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch pre-sided. Rear-Admiral Richard Hill proposed the total to the Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson.

#### Luncheon

Brian Jenkins, president, was the



Laurie Lee's widow Cathy and daughter Jessy after the memorial service at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday

#### Memorial service: Laurie Lee

Mr Laurie Lee A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Laurie Lee, poet and author, was held yes-terday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiates and Canon William Brassell, of Gloucester Cathedral, read the lessons. Mr Jock Gallagher, Mr resons. Mr Jock Calagrer, Mr Christopher Fry, Mr Martin Jarvis, Mr John Mortimer, QC, Mr Roger McGough, Mr Bobby Kok, Mr Brian Patten, Mr Tony Lacey, Mr Richard Ryan, Mr David Blunkett, MP, and Mr PJ. Kayanagh gave regulings and rold. Kavanagh gave rendings and paid tribute. Canon Ronald Jennings was robed and in the sanctuary was robed and in the sanctuary.

Among others present were:

Mrs Lee (widow), Miss Jessy Lee
Idaughter); Lord Hutchinson of
Jullington, OC, Lady Monson, Sir
Marryn and the Hon Lady Becket,
Sir Anthony and Lady Kershaw,
Lady Gardner-Thorpe, Lady Tucker,
Mr and Mrs William Gaunt, Ms
Marranne Rok, Mrs Jill Day-Lewit,
Mr Steve Race, Coloniel Stewart,
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Carter, Dr Tony Forrester, Mr André
Deutsch, Ms Penny Buchland.

Mr and Mrs R Whitaker, Mr Roger Billington, Mr Henry Porter, Mr Roger Eland, Miss Lynn Bamber, Mr Paul Kiernan. Dr Juliette Barker, Mr Pasper Devas, Mr John Woodcock. Mr and Mrs Itm Handing, Mr Alan Ross, Dr A Matthews, Mr and Mrs Stephen Gardiner, Miss Kate Searle, Mr James Rosse-Evans.

Mr Russell Clarke, Mr Julian Ashby, Mr and Mrs David Bill, Mr Tom Hunter-Blair, Mr and Mrs Philip Ziegler, Mr Tim Hepple, Mrs Mary Pedden, Mr Colin Bray, Miss Valerie Grove, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Charles Walker, Mr David Drew, MF, Mr Patric Dickinson, the Probendary C E Leighton Toomson, Thomson,
Counciller John Marioram
(Mayor of Sround), Dr R A Cooper
and the Rev David Smith (Wen
country Writers Association) and
Mrs Smith, Mr Bill Michael
(Chelsea Arts Club), Mr Murtin
Harvey Gecreany, Garrick Club),
Mrs Das Parkes (Walton Theatre
Collection), Ms Maggle Pringle (The
Express), Mr Tom Leonard (The



The poet Roger McGough spoke at the service

Robson (Robson Sooks) and Mrs Robson. Mr David Lang and Mi Suzanne Marrion (Charles Russell Solictions). Mr Mark Le Panu (Society of Authors) and many other

#### Service dinners

HMY Britannia

The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, attended a dinner for the council of the association last night on board HMY Britannia at Plymouth to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Trasalgar. Mr Ken Ellis, choirman, proposed a toast to Lord Nelson's Immortal Memory.

Afterwards, The Princess Royal was the host at a reception for had earlier held their annual meeting in Phymouth.

HMS Victory Adrulral Sir John Brigstocke, Sec-

ond Sea Lord and Commander-in-London Chamber of Commerce Chief Naval Home Command. and Industry Ms Glenda Jackson, Minister of and Lady Brigstocke were the hosts at a dinner held last night in Transport in London, was the HMS Victory to commemorate the speaker at a London Chamber of Commerce luncheon held yes-terday at The Lanesborough. Sir Bartle of Trafalgar. Among those present were: The Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Guthrie, the High Sheriff of Hampshire and Mr Robin Fox. Captain Sir Donald Gosling, Sir John and Lady Chalstrey, Professor and Mrs Anthony Mellows, Mr and Mrs Paul Sidners, Lieutenani-Colonel Dennis Day and Mr and Mrs Euan Harkness. HMS Saltus

Rear-Admirai J. Band, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff, proposed the toest to the Immortal Memory at a dinner held last night at HMS Sultan to mark Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, Commander D.W. Pond presided.

HMS Birmingham Captain S. Nelson, Captain 3rd Destroyer Squadron, was the guest of bonour at a Trafalgar Night dinner held last night on board HMS Birmingham at Loch Striven. Lietuenant-Communide: M.D. Blowers presided.

RAC Regimental Secretaries Association Major D.J.H. Farquharson, Regi-mental Secretary of the Royal

retaries Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night in Bovington. Major-General J.P.W. Friedberger, Chairman of the Cavalry Colonels, and Major-General G.M.G. Swindells the principal guests.

#### Receptions

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)

Mr Philip · Lader, Ambassador, and Mrs Lader were the guests of honour at a reception given by the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) last night at the Langham Hillion.

Montgomeryshire Society Mr Peter English was installed as President of the Montgomeryshire Society at a reception held last night at St Katherine's Hall, the Danish Church, Regent's Park.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr C.J.E.D. Bartlett and Miss F.J.A.W. Dennis The engagement is announced

between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Bardett, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Flora. daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Dennis, of Shillingford, Devon. Mr A.M. Deakin

and Miss S.E. Quigley
The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Deakin, of Cambridge, and Suzanne, daughter of the Mr and Mrs Leit Children of the Mr and Mrs Jack Quigley, of the United States of America. Mr S.R. Hillier

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mrs Tessa Hillier and of the late Mr Ronald Hillier, of Hassocks, Sussex, and Henrietts, dangther of Sir Hugh and Lady Bennett, of Highbrook, Sussex.

Mr U.J.F. Jackson od Min H.M. Bennett

and Miss C.E. Thorp The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of District Judge and Mrs J.D.F. Jackson, of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Thorp, of Chiddingstone Hoath, Kent.

Dr GJ. MacMillan

and Miss S.A. Rose
The engagement is announced,
from the Island of Taransay, between Gordon, son of Lieuten-ant-General Str John and Lady MacMillan, of Thornhill, Stirling, and Susannah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Rose, of Kilchrenan, Argyll.

Mr P.H. Medharst

and Miss L.P. Schryver The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr lan Medhurst, of Evenlode. Gloucestershire, and Mrs Valerie Mediturst of Epsom. Surrey, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Schryver, of Farringdon, Hampshire.

Mr S.L. Nockolds and Miss S.E.A. Cound The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Nockolds, of Upham, Hampshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cound, of Harston, Cambridgeshire.

Mr E.P.L. Preedy and Miss J.C. Lawre The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Preedy, of Worcester, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Chris-

topher Lawrence, of Birlingham, Mr R.J.T. Sharp and Miss J.V. Ridgwell The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and

Mrs Andrew Sharp, of Witney, Oxfordshire, and Jane, daughter o Dr and Mrs Stanley Ridgwell, of Fulham, Londoni Mr T.S.G. Tanner

and Miss B.M.L. Roberts The engagement is announced between Torn, son of Mr and Mrs S.L. Tanner, of London W2, and Bethan, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.V. Roberts, of Waverton,

BIRTHS: Franz Liszt, composer, Raiding, Hungary, 1811; Sarah Bernhardt, accress, Paris, 1844;

Ivan Bunin, poet and novelist. Voronezh; Russia, 1870.

London, 1806: Henry Richard Fox

zanne, painter, Akres-Provence, 1906; Bob Fitzsimmons, world middle and heavyweight boxing champion 1891-1905, Chicago, 1917.

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DEATHS: Sir Cloudesley Sho

Anniversaries

#### To Miss Constance Savery

The Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, last night paid tribute to Miss Constance Winifred Savery, and made her a presentation, at a ceremony at Oriel College, Oxford.
Miss Savery, who will be 100 on
October 31, is the only living
member of the first group of ladies
to receive degrees at Oxford (October 14, 1920).

The guests were welcomed by the Hon Gerard Noel, quondam Senior Research Pellow of St Amner's College, Oxford, A vote of thanks to the Chancellor was proposed by Dame Fions Caldicott, Principal of Somerville College, which was evacuated to Oriel during the time Miss Savery was an undergraduate.

#### Supper

Rayal Society of Medicine Professor John Newsome-Davis, FRS, delivered the Ellison-Cliffe

Medicine last night at I Wimpole Street. Afterwards, Sir - Christopher Paine, president of the society, and Lady Paine received the guests at supper. Among those present were:

tord and Lady Soutsby of Swaffnam Prior. Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme. Sir Christopher Booth, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Sir Roger and Lady Bannister, Sir Richard Doll, CH, FRS, and Lady Doll and Dr Carice Ellison.

#### Eton dinner

Davidge and Mr J. Lewis. Head Master of Eton College, also

Wolfson presided. Mr J.S.B. Peake, Mr C.G.C.

Vikings and guess held a dinner last night at Clothworkers' Hall to mark the centenary of the founding of the club in 1897. Mr G. M.

Professor Paul Westhead has been appointed to a Chair in Entrepreneurship and also heads a new Department of Entrepreneur-ship, established in August,

#### Appointment

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Hospital, Edinburgh, to Sian
(née Gibson-Watt) and

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Michael William.

BROGAM-MIGGINS On October 14th at The Portland Hospital to loanne (one Laughton) and William, a son, Cameron, 8. 1 lbs, a brother for Lucy and Sophie.

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CEREDA - On 15th October to Jane (nee Borchersen) and Flavio, a daughter Katrine. Anne Marie (nee Corkery) and Adam, a son, Luke Michael

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to Philippa and Gerard, a
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Lucy (uée Hoare) and
Phillip, a son Patrick John, a
brother for Polly and Henry.
LAWSON-TARCRED - On
October 3rd to Virginia (aée
Hordera) and Alastair a
daughter, Georgina Mary

21st October 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Isabel (nee Clayman) and Patrick, a son, George Leviton Charles, a brother for Hanna. a brotter for finance.

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1997 to Christine (nee
Little) and Nell, at St Mary's

Hospital, London, twin sons,
Alexander Muir and Maxim

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OLIPHANT - On 15th October to Angus and Shoo, a son, Frederick James.

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The Portland Hospital to Anne (nee Husenson) and Robert, a daughter, Cabrielle Habert, a daughter, Cabrielle Habert, a daughter, Cabrielle and Julia.

TAYLOR - On 21st October 1997 at 9.24am, to Rita and Roger, a buby boy, a brother for Daniella and Santina. THISTRETHWAYTE - On October 14th, at The Portland Hospital to Charlotte and Huge, a daughter, Tatlana Emily.

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INTERNATE - On October 15th to Kate (nee Dudgeon) and Charles, a son, William Henry Bodolph, a brother for Harriet, Charlotte and History Wiffle - On October 20th to Mark and Serena, a son. Samuel George.

WHILIAMS - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital to Clare and Justin, a son Sebattisn.

WRIGHT - On October 14th to Lucy and Iain, a daughte Marina, a sister for Daphn and Keria.

DEATHS ALCOCK - Dr. William, at home on Sunday 19th October aged 94. Much loved husband of the late Olga, loving (ather and grandfather. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Wattord, Saturday 25th October at 2pm

BATESON - Jane (née Bretteil)
On October 20th, loved wife
of the late Michael Bateson
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and Paul Guadalmina
Greatly mourned by his
family in Eagland and Spain,
his many friends and by the
intansive care unit at King's
College Hospital who tried
so hard to save his life.
Requiem Mass at the
Carmelite Priory, 41
Kansington Church Street,
London WS, 2,30pm
Thursday 30th October.
Flowers to Chelson Funeral
Directors (Tel: 0171 352
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BEVIR - Timothy Oliver, peacefully at Yeard District Hospital, after a short illness aged 69. Thanksgiving Service and burial of ashes at All Saints Church, Lopen, Someriset on Wednesday 29th October at 2pm. Garden flowers or donations for The British Dinbetic Association, c/o irish & Denman F/D, Falmer St., South Fetherton, Somerset, TAI3 5DB. Tel South Petherion, Sometser, TA13 5DB. Tel 01460 240348

BLACKBURNE - Colonel George Walter, on 20th October, at home with his wife and children, agad 79. Dear, sweet husband of Helen, adored father of Fanny, Alan and Arian Canadiather to Luna and Rosa. Our rock in a stomy sea, dignified to the end. We miss you Dad. Funeral Service, Parish Church, Challout & Gles on Monday, 27th October at 1245. Family Flowers only please, but donations to local Memodal Hail Fundament of Hill Avence, Americham, Bucks HFG 58G. Tel: 101424) 454302. DALY - Whisters Stree Dominal and much loved Nanny to the Farber Bowles Family for over 52 years. Died pencefully on 19th Geober. Aged 83. Funeral Frieste. Service of Thanksgiving on Thunday 30th October at 11.30 am at 5t Mangaret's, Ciliberow, Brackmell. Runling Howess only. Donations to The Amber Trust.

EDWIDELL - James Vincent, C.
Eng., MICE. Peacestuily on
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Harefield Hospital. Much
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father of Michael, Joanna,
Jaul and Alison, father-inlaw and grandfather. Forestal
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BROWNLOW - Sue, Peacefully on Sunday 19th October 1997. Wife of James, Mother of Willie, Libs & Joanna of Willie, Libs & Joanna. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Keiling on Monday 27th October at 3.00 p.m. For innity and close friends. No flowers playse. Any donations to St Mary's Church Keiling of Sarciays Bank, 16 High Street, Hoit, Norfolk, NR25 68Q.

CHAMIER - John Edwir GHAMIER - John Edwin Deschamps, (Cham), husband of Petics, tather of Cardotte and Sophie, died peacefully on 14th October, aged 78. So teerliby missed. Cremation has taken place. Denarions, II wished, to PDSA or the Earl of Southampton Trust, clo AH. Freemantle, 46 South Street, Tuchfuld Haons P014 4175.

COLLE - Margaret, widow of George A Coille, formerly of Hailey, Oxfordshire, died passefully in Germany on Sundry, 19th October 1997 after a long limers, Family funeral service on Wednesday 22nd October. Donations if desired instead of flowers in memory of Margaret Collie, e/o the Abhelmer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SWIP 1PE

D'MELLO - Dennis, passed away anexpectedly 15th October 1997 at Ashford thophal, Medica, Nobel, Newlow and Irving, father-in-law to Rod, devoted grandfather of Dominic. A wonderful man, He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

evants - william flowland died on October 20th at home in Cambridge. Much loved by Mr wife june, dayshem 10 and Danse and granddaughter India. Funeral to be held at \$1. Edwards Church, Cambridge on Friday 26th October at on Friday 24th October at 3.45 pm.

GRE - On 18th October, 1997.
Lady (Wendy) Glbb died
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391892). 891892). HANCOCK - Elizabeth Jean

MANCOCK - Elizabeth Joan (Elisa), (the Tandy-Green), pascefully at home on 21st October aged 50. Much lowed wife of Ambroge, widew of Geoffrey Remajoras; and her children Nicola, Sabrina, Rdward and William, together with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and great grandchildren and great grandson. A Memorial Service will be held later and notice given. HOLMES - On Saturday 18th Dembet, pencerally sign 90, Evelyn Hildo, wife of the late Eric Hanby Holmes, such loved by her family, Service of Thanksgiving in Coring Parish Church on Thursday 30th October at 12 noon.

JACKAMAN - James Nigel, O.B.E. auddenly but neacefully on October 19th O.B.S. sudesally but pescefully on October 19th in his 92nd year. Greatly loved bushens of Disma and much loved and admired father of Elizabeth and Nigel. Service of Thanksgiving on Thansky 30th October as 300pm St. Glies Church Stoke Poges. Please ne flowers but donations to League of Friends of E. Sarpeant & Son, 40 Church Street, Slough, Berks St.1 17].

JOHES - October 18th 1997
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Service et a litter date to b held at St. Michaels Churci Chester Square, London.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES TOPHAM - Diam Hope (nee Trewby) died peacetully and with dignity at the Lister Hospital on October 20th 1997 after a short fibres. Highly regarded and repeated as med London's few Jennale Hotoliers, she founded Inplant Pengration (formerly Ebury Court Hotolier) 1997 Belowed wife of Rower and devoted mother of Martanne, she will be gearly missed by all her family and many triends. Cremation at Putney Valle Cremation at Putney Valle Cremation at Putney Valle Cremation at Putney Valle Cremations may be sent to the Diama Passes of Valle Service at a later date to be service at a later date to be for Eric William Hunter Christie will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Tuesday 25th November 1997 at 5.00 pm. 15/19 SQUADRONS - There will be a Marsocial Service to will be a Memorial Series to numerous those who did in the sixes above Rorfolk on Tuesday 11th November 1947. Please connect in S. Gossett, and Gillespie, 0181-361 1408 for details.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

### KENNETH WOOD

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Kenneth Wood, inventor of the Kenwood Chef electric mixer, died on October 19 aged 81. He was born on: October 4, 1916.

enneth Wood developed and gave his name to one. of the favourite fixtures in the postwar kitchen. The prototype of his Kenwood Chef electric mixer drew raised eyebrows from bankers and other backers when he tried to finance its production in 1948. Potential suppliers were no more impressed; demanding money upfront before they handed over parts. But Wood went ahead regardless, and was richly rewarded for his faith. Housewives loved the new product, which chopped and kneaded and peeled and mixed, taking the preparatory drudgery out of cooking at a time when domestic servants were suddenly scarce.

The first stocks to reach the shops sold out within days. Some of those robust early models are still, it seems, in use today, but another eight million or so have since been sold. The success of the Chef turned Kenwood into one of the biggest players in the international market for household goods. By the time it was taken over by the buccaneering Sir Jules Thorn in 1968, at which point Wood severed his connection with the company he had started in

Group Captain Desmond Scott, DSO, OBE, DFC and Bar, New Zealand

wartime fighter ace, died

in Christcharch on

October 8 aged 79. He

was born on September

11, 1918.

of that gallant — and gifted —

band of New Zealanders who

made a contribution to the

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all proportion to their num-

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from mid-1943, spent most of

his time flying Typhoon ground attack and tank-bust-

As commander of 123 Wing

in the Second Tactical Air

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No 123 Wing's contribution

was particularly devastating during the early weeks of

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Section 1

a Woking workshop in 1947, Kenwood was selling the world's largest range of domestic products. Subsequently transformed by a management buyout and astockmarket flotation, the company celebrates its fiftieth anniversary

this year. Kenneth Maynard Wood was born in Lewisham and educated at Bromley County School. His father died when Kenneth was 12, and at 14 the boy decided, despite his mother's objections, to go to sea. He joined the tramp steamer Hartlepool as a navigation apprentice on a voyage to South America. He jumped ship in Brazil on hismaiden voyage, but was eventually to remain at sea for four years.

Back in England, at 19 he enrolled in evening classes to study accountancy and electrical engineering. He found work in a radio repair shop, and then built up a radio business of his own. During the war he joined the RAF; transferred to the Admiralty, he worked on the design of radar simulators.

His first venture into kitchen appliances came after the war: when he set up a company with a partner to manufacture toasters. The pariner's name was Roger Laurence, and but for the timety intervention of a shrewd accountant, what is now one of the bestknown brands in the world might

The warning production effort had made Wood aware of the benefits of factory automation and of its potential benefits in the home. Cash was a problem, howev-

er. The company started life in a tiny workshop next door to a fishmonger's in Waking, with Wood paying himself E7 week and borrowing much of the £400 he needed to manufacturer his first product, a toaster.

The Kenwood toaster, Wood admitted, borrowed from and improved on similar products by more established manufacturers: labour-saving devices had long been common in American and Continental homes, The Kenwood mixer was no more original. though it was bulkier and heavier than its rivals, with a separate motor, and its solidity seemed to mpress potential buyers. The real secret of the Kenwood

Chef's success lay not in engineering but in marketing, however. A brilliant salesman, Wood was quick to see that demonstration was the best way to self his products. When Harrods took and demonstrated 25 mixers, the entire stock sold out almost at once; other big London department stores, which had rejected Wood when he approached them first time round, now rushed to order and to organise demonstrations Wood was energetic in pursuing Kenwood Chef sold particularly well in France, where its ability to make mayormaise in seconds was apparently much admired. In Canada, where US manufacturers dominated the market, a cunning door-to-door sales scheme helped Kenwood to make inroads: sales-

men purported to be doing market research on consumer reaction to a new brand of powdered milk; while the mixed milk cooled in the fridge, the Chef was demonstrated to pass the time. "We started selling mix-ers," said Wood, "but we also sold a hell of a lot of milk." Kenwood, which had been on the

verge of bankruptcy when the Chef was first developed, now went from strength to strength. Belgium, Swit-verland and Israel were among the markets in which it prospered. At home, it was able to buy up other companies in the field, and expanded its range to include everything from irons to dishwashers and waste-disposal systems. Wood was a millionaire at 42 He had built up an effective team

at Kenwood, and was able to draw on such talents as the distinguished designer Kenneth Grange, who revamped the Kenwood Chef in the 1950s, and the company finance expert Ian Morrow, who helped to turn sales into profits. There were sethacks, however, notably a disastrous foray into refrigerators in the early 1960s, and the company turned out to be a fairly easy target for the predatory attentions of Thorn Electrical Industries in 1968.

Wood did not hit it off with Sir Jules Thorn, and was not prepared to be a minion; he severed his links with the company once the takeover was complete. He later welcomed the management buyout which restored the company's independence in 1989, and the subsequent stockmarket flotation. As recently as 1992, updated versions of the Kenwood Chef still accounted for almost a third of the group's totai sales.

Wood pursued a number of other business interests after leaving the company he had founded. He was managing director of the power plant manufacturers Dawson-Keith Holdings from 1972 to 1980, and of Hydrotech Systems from 1984 to 1987. He was also active in the leisure industry, founding the Forest Mere Health Farm at Liphook and developing a golf club near his home. But he had always said that he "didn't want to be one of those goons who ends up with £4 million and hasn't lived, and he was happy to spend much of his time on the golf course.

Kenneth Wood was twice married. He is survived by his second wife Patricia, the two sons and two daughters of his first marriage, and



#### **GROUP CAPTAIN DESMOND SCOTT**

DESMOND SCOTT was one World War which was out of pilot than the eight with which he was credited had he not.

Scott, left, with Eisenhower in Holland, 1944: between them Wing Commander W. Dring, killed shortly afterwards

Germans had lost the battle for Normandy. As General von Luttwitz commanding the powerful Second Panzer Division recorded: "Suddenly the Allied fighter-bombers swooped out of the sky. They came down in their hundreds, firing their rockets at the concentrated tanks and vehi-

cles. We could do nothing make no further pro-gress...We were forced to give up the ground we had gained and by August 9 the division was back where it started, having lost 30 tanks and 800 men. Whatever the retrospective

verdict on the effectiveness of Allied strategic bombing may be, the exercise of tactical air power received a triumphant vindication in Normandy. Five years later General Speidel's verdict was still that "armoured operation was completely wrecked, exclusively by the Allied air forces." In

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the third week of August, with the remainder of the German forces trapped in the Falaise pocket, the Typhoons of 123 Wing completed the destruction of the enemy.

Besides being a triumph for the then fledgeling doctrine of close air support of armies on the battlefield, the campaign was also a vindication of the decision to persevere with the Typhoon after early models of the aircraft had totally failed to impress as interceptor fighters at high altitude. The Typhoon's excellent

low-level performance, the robustness of its airframe and its ability to carry much heavier rocket and bomb loads than the Spitfire, made it an ideal fighter-bomber. These qualities enabled wings like Scott's No 123 to become the terrors of the skies over the Normandy hartlefield.

Without them, Allied armour would have had a much worse time than it did against the superior Panther and Tiger ranks of the Wehrmacht. Desmond James Scott was born at Ashburton, New Zealand, educated at the Cathe-

dral Grammar School, Christchurch, and grew up in the North Canterbury hills. He served with the Canterbury Yeomaniy Cavalry before joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1940, coming in March 1941 to England. On secondiment to the RAF, he

was posted as a sergeant pilot to 3 squadron whose Hurricanes were at that time carrying out fighter sweeps over

occupied France. He next had a period with 151 Squadron, a specialist night intruder unit. Returning to 3 Squadron in 1942, he carried out night sorties against German raiders, using the Turbinlite, an airborne searchlight carried by a bomber which was supposed to illuminate the target for an attacking fighter. This crude precursor of airborne radar was a flop — and Scott, by now commissioned, did not hesitate to tell his superiors what he thought of it. Nevertheless, he had his first successes against German aircraft, shooting down several bombers in the first six months of 1942 and being promoted to flight commander. He was awarded a DFC and Bar in rapid succession.

His introduction to the Tvphoon was with the newly ormed 198 Squadron, which he was appointed to com early in 1943. But he was soon posted again, this time to the second of the Royal New Zealand Air Force's squadrons to be formed in Britain. No 486. In sweeps and night intrusions Scott exploited the Typhoon's low-level performance to shoot down a Messerschmitt 109 and two Focke-Wulf 190s, to bring his score to

By now he had an outstanding reputation as a fighter leader and in August 1943 was appointed a wing leader at Tangmere. By 1944 when he was posted to France to command 123 Wing he was, at 25, the youngest group captain in the RAF. Besides gaining a DSO he was also appointed OBE for rescuing a pilot from a burning aircraft. As CO of 123 Wing, Scott and his Typhoons followed in the wake of the Allied armies' victorious progress across Europe, giving strafing and rocketing support all the way.

After the war, though offered a permanent commission in the RAF, Scott elected to return to New Zealand in 1947 and there he established an import/export business. He was the author of two books describing his wartime experiences in Typhoons: Tyhoon Pilot (1982) and One

More Hour (1989). He married, in 1944, Jovce Ramage, who died in 1969. He is survived by his second wife, Margaret, whom he married in 1972, by the four daughters of his first marriage, and by the two stepdaughters and the stepson of his second.

#### SIR GILBERT LONGDEN

Sir Gilbert Longden, MBE, MP for South West Herts, 1950-74. died on October 16 aged 95. He was born on April 16, 1902.

THE death of Gilbert Longden marks, yet again, the passing of the old Tory party which owed so much to the adoption of Beveridge and full employment in the years immediately after the end of the Second World War. Longden was an original member of the One Nation Group which included Enoch Powell, Edward Heath, Iain Madeod, Angus Maude, Reginald Maudling and Sir John Rogers. The group set the tone for the Tories in Opposition under Churchill, and remained the dominant influence in the party until Margaret Thatcher embraced monetarism in the

Longden was the only one of the group not to win office. He remained an articulate backbencher throughout his long parliamentary career, which ended at the age of 72 when he retired at the first of the two general elections of 1974. He was witty rather than eloquent, and his comments were pithy to the point of danger. He is perhaps best remembered for his comment at Prime Minister's Questions after Harold Maumillan's botched reshuffle of 1962, which became known as the "Night of the Long Knives". Longden said: "May I take this opportunity of congratulating the Prime Minister on having kept his head while all around were losing theirs." The House was convulsed

with laughter. Gilbert James Mortley Longden was born at Castle Heath, Co Durham, the son of James Morley Longden and Kathleeen Morgan. He was

educated at Haileybury, Emmanuel College, Cambridge,

and the Sorbonne. Convinced that war would soon follow upon the Munich agreement. Longden enrolled in the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve and in 1940 joined the Durham Light infantry, which, consisting very largely of miners, was one of

the most formidable county regiments in the British Army. He was adjutant at its regimental headquarters before being posted to the Far East He was appointed ADC to the Commander 2nd Division in India and then Deputy Assistant Adjutant General 36 Division in Burma. He took

part in the Arakan Corridor campaign and the fall of Mandalay. He was demobilised as a major and appointed MBE (military division). At the general election of 1945 he contested Morpeth unsuccessfully, but he was adopted for South West Herts in 1950. Longden was an extreme moderate on the back benches of what was still, au fond, a right-wing party. He was a

Ally before the 1955 general election, and A Responsible Society for that of 1959. He was an enthusiastic European, serving both on the Council of Europe and the Western European Union. He was also a delegate to the 12th and 13th sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

part author of Change is Our

He was knighted in 1972. He was chairman of the All-Party British Atlantic Committee and of the Conservative Group for Europe. He typified all that was best in the Conservative Party of his day. He left Parliament when Edward Heath was still Prime Minister, and would not have felt at home under Mrs Thatcher. He was unmarried.



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#### ARREST OF AFRICAN LEADERS

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NAIROBL OCT Z Jomo Kenyatta, president of the Kenya African Union, and nearly 100 other Africans, were arrested last night and today after the proclamation of the state of emergency in Kenya, Kenyatta, who was found askeep in his house 15 miles from Nairobi, made no attempt to resist arrest.

Others arrested include officials of the Kenya African Union, such as Richard Achieng, its secretary who was a member of a delegation in Paris to the United Nations, and Fred Kubai, who led the taxi-drivers union; journalists; members of the Kikuyu independent schools' association, and common ruffians. Two women were among those arrested The authorities are pleased with the quiet

way in which the operation has been carried out and attribute this largely to the display of force, including the importation of the British harration. However, more arrests have still to be made and it is too early to say that the without a shot being fired. There was one trich. A statement of the impending arrests was released in London in time to reach

### ON THIS DAY

October 22, 1952

Between 1952 and 1957 the Mau Mau, described as a "peasant revolution", terrorised Kenya. Europeans and Africans were victims; defence ces killed more than 11,000 Kikuyu. In 1964. the country became a republic with Jomo Kenyaua as the first President; he died in 1978, a

Nairobi before they began. This failure of the security plans necessitated the advancing of the arrests by an hour. Those arrested will be detained at the Governor's pleasure while the state of

respected elder statesman.

emergency lasts . . . A Government spokesman, in reply to a question, said the suspects had been arrested because they had been responsible for causing disorder or inciting other persons to cause disorder, much of which had been through the agency of Mau Mau. A pattern was discernible, he added. The holding of public meetings, verging on the subversive, was followed by increases in the areas reached by Mau Mau oath ceremonies and then of acts of violence. He said it should be noted that no steps had been taken against the Kenyan African Union as such. This is almost the only African political organisation in Kenya.

Kenyatta is a dynamic personality with great influence over the Kikuyu. Long before the war he was president of the Kikuyu central association, from which Mau Mau is believed to descend. He was in England from 1930 to 1946, and claims to have visited Moscow. Apart from his political activities he runs an independent school for African children, as described by Negley Farson in his book Last Chance in Africa. He has a following among teachers through the Ki-kuyu independent schools' association. The Mau Mau oath includes a pledge to defend Kenyatta. On the other hand, he himself has several times publicly denounced it. He is married to an Englishwoman who is in London.

Although all appeared normal here and in the provinces today, there can be no relaxation of precautions. There is always the possibility that the Mau Mau may react by isolated acts of violence, once its members have recovered from their bewilderment at the Government's swift action.

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TV is not exempt from the charge of intrusion

### Time to clean up the 'media scrum'

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**SNODDY** 

EVERYONE in the media and beyond has been continuing to assess their performance on how they handled the reaction to the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. This week commercial radio has been patting itself on the back for judging its response well. Talk Radio UK, the national commercial chat station, says it took its cue from listeners and simply opened its airwaves to the subject until the most talkative people had talked themselves out.

Television executives have already publicly exonerated themselves from any suggestion that they created the unprecedented reaction to the tragedy rather than merely responding to it. Reviews are continuing on how television will cover any future royal deaths, and there is no doubt that the coverage will be very different

next time round. Even the Church of England was reviewing its performance this week, and judged it good, -except perhaps for a few clergy-men who declined to open their

churches to mark the occasion. The most interesting response so far has been that of the national press, which benefited from huge circulation increases last month A cynic might have assumed that the press would wring its hands in public for a few days, hold a few meetings

wait for the furore to die down before resuming its bad old ways. So far, the signs are encouraging that some permanent and fundamental changes to the standards that newspapers set themselves will be made, even though MPs who take mistresses can be sure of receiving

with the Press Complaints Commission and

the full traditional treatment. A new draft code has already been agreed in principle and should be ready to be implemented on January I. One aspect could take a little longer trying to do something about the "media scrum" that descends on unfortunates who suddenly find themselves in the media eye, often at a time of great personal tragedy.

This is a problem that goes far beyond the press, and great weight is added to the media scrum by the arrival of numerous TV camera crews and radio reporters with microphones to shove in people's faces.

Lord Wakeham plans to have talks with Lady Howe of Aberavon, chairman of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, to see whether some all-industry guidelines can be drawn up. It will be a difficult problem to solve. Each news organisation has a legitimate right to try to get its own words and pictures on a story. It is their

collective presence that changes the nature of the event and the degree of threat. The hope is that ways can be found at least to minimise the time the "media scrum" is in action. There are two useful precedents at Dunblane and Balmoral, when journalists did their jobs and voluntarily left. A wider use of "pooling" - using a small number of journalists to report on behalf of the many on some stories might also help. In fact, the lack of pooling arrangements for the television coverage of the Princess's funeral service in Westminster Abbey is still causing squabbles between broadcasters, which could end up with the lawyers. There has already been an exchange of letters between

the BBC and Reuters Television about whether the Reuters news agency had any right to transmit BBC pictures from the Abbey to its clients around the world.

But the real gain will be a new code which will prohibit publication of pictures obtained by "persistent pursuit" or the result of unlawful behaviour. Photo agen-cies fearing a fall-off in business seem to be very willing to put themselves within the ambit of the PCC and sign up to the industry's code of practice.

The comprehensive changes in-clude trying to redefine the concept of privacy to include those areas which constitute "a private life", such as a person's home life, health and personal correspondence. Lord Wakeham also wants to try to ensure that any level of intrusion is proportionate to the public interest involved.

The reforms would also promise that young people should be able to complete their full-time education without unnecessary press intrusion, and the story should not be published about the children of the well-known unless there is justification for the story other than the relationship with

THERE will always be problems of definition, and some editors will undoubtedly try to test the new code to its limit. But so many changes are involved that they should not be

dismissed as window-dressing.

The proposed changes being embraced by the newspaper industry come not a moment too soon. If self-regulation is not seen to work, then the planned incorporation of the Bill of Human Rights into British legislation will give judges the opportunity to extend a legal concept of privacy through

Who doubts that they will take the opportunity, given half the chance?

# Think big, think Hollywood A n air of louche glamour hangs over the offices of Working Thite Filters in Oxford feet. The corrigarry responsifor Four World.

Street. The company responsi-ble for Four Weddings and a Funeral. which cost £3.2 million to make and earned £158 million, brings a small slice of Hollywood to grimy Central

Tim Bevan, Working Title's founder and co-chairman, puts its success so far down to luck. He now wants to produce films with bigger stars, bigger budgets and broader appeal — a strategy that has already created Bean, the Rowan Atkinson vehicle that has earned more than £63 million at the box office.

Mr Bevan, who said he was too busy to attend Tony Blair's entertainment industry party at Downing Street earlier this year, takes nothing away from Working Title's Hollywood image. The 39-year-old has filmstar looks coupled with a brooding personality. Employees say he can be frosty and aloof. Britain has to make a

bigger movie," he says with a clipped, public school accent. "A Four Weddings, a Trainspotting, a Full Monty ... all lovely little films, but lucky. There is no element to any of them that says you are reducing your risk.

In spite of his international ambition, he has a thinly disguised dislike of Hollywood. His ten-hour days are often extended by calls from Los Angeles and he hates having to visit the company's Hallywood office for two days every three weeks.

"I used to think travel was glamorous; now I cannot think of anything worse than getting on a plane," he says. "We have also had bad experiences when employing people from Hollywood. The place is run on fear. You get these terrified people, almost like wounded animals: you just don't get very good work out of them."

Yet his plans for Working Title are based firmly on his understanding of Hollywood.
"Our films need to be successful in America, particularly now that we are getting into bigger budgets. We can learn lot from Hollywood and, I hope, create films that are off



Working Title's Tim Bevan says Four Weddings and a Funeral was "a lovely little film". It carned £158 million

#### The man behind Rowan Atkinson's Bean says British films rely too much on luck. Chris Ayres reports

egy will soon be tested. Forthcoming releases include The Borrowers, based on the classic children's books by Mary Norton, and The Matchmaker, a romantic comedy about an American girl finding love in Ireland. Another big project is Elizabeth I, a conspiratorial portrayal of the 16th-century monarch's reign.

"We are very bad at making family movies in this country. says Mr Bevan. "Family, when it works, is phenomenally successful."

The son of a doctor, Mr Bevan skipped university and worked, unpaid, in the early 1980s for a company that made management training videos starring John Cleese. His fascination with the industry led him to borrow money and team up with Sarah Radclyffe, a friend, to form a music video

bra, which did work for U2, Simple Minds and Frankie Goes to Hollywood.

"I learnt how to form a company, how to read ac-counts — what lawyers did," says Mr Bevan, "For people wanting to start in the film business, getting a law degree would not be a bad move.

"At that time we started to develop scripts. The first movie came from Stephen Prears, one of our music video directors, who sent me the screenplay of My Beautiful Launderette. He asked me to produce it. On the back of that, we formed the original Work-

ing Title company in 1984."
At 25, Mr Bevan took charge of a £600,000 budget that came directly from the coffers. of Channel 4. "I was scared, I didn't know what was going on," he says. "But I learnt that

ask them how to do some thing, they will show you."

My Beautiful Launderette was the first in a string of successful: low-budget films for the company, including Wish You Were Here and The Tall Guy. But Working Title was still making a painful loss

and risked folding at any time. If you are going into film production, you need the backing of a big company because it is capital-intensive," says Mr Bevan...

elp came from his

long-term friendship with Michael Kuhn, then a music video executive with Polygram, now the president of the company's filmed entertainment division. Mr Kuhn ploughed money into Working. Title as an experiment and, in

bought half of the company. Mr Bevan forged a new partnership with Eric Fellner, who had a similar background in music video production, and went on to sell the remainder

of Working Title to Polygram. "As someone with an independent spirit, I found losing ownership quite painful. But for the first time in Britain there is a company making films that are consistently of a reasonable scale and being properly distributed."

Working Title now has 32 staff and a mandate to make three, or four films for Polygram each year. Mr Bevan says that only one in a thousand ideas, and one in five screenplay developments, makes it into production, with screenplays alone-costing up to £475,000 before they are given the green light.

You have to learn to beg, steal, borrow, put estaplicated deals together and really un-derstand the business of film to make it work," Mr Bevan

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the press, to go ahead and show

the programme despite the governors' opposition. Mr Young said: "If you [Milne] say

that programme is going to be

broadcast, that is a downright lie. I will meet you at Broad-

casting House at II o'clock in

the morning and if, by 11

o'clock, you haven't resolved

this. . . and got the true story to

the press, I will not accept your

resignation at II, I will fire

you. When Mr Milne was

finally removed by the next

Chairman, Mr Hussey, Lord

Tebbit said: "Most Conserva-

BBC will continue its tele-

vision history and that two

more programmes, to take the

story on from 1986, could be

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"Of course I hone very much

that this history is going to

continue, and Alan Yentob

(BBC director of television) has

said to me quite categorically

In fact Mr Yentob is expect-

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desperate to be accepted by

white middle England that

they pronounce their name "Cooper", and say that they wholeheartedly agree with the "Pakis out" sentiments of

their racist neighbours who

throw a brick through their

window. "It is a type of

Keeping Up Appearances, which is hilarious," Mr

Plowman said. "Most people wouldn't realise that that

kind of attitude exists among

the Asian population in Brit-

ain, but apparently it does, which is fascinating. It is a

whole new window on a world you don't know much

Other characters include

Fixer Uncle, who can always

get things cheaper and bet-

ter than anyone else, and the

young Bombayites who go

for an English" - a search

for the blandest food on the

menu and a parody of macho white lager louts who

go to an Indian restaurant in search of the hottest curry.

in this sketch, the Indians

plump for prawn cocktail,

scampi, steak and bread

The stingmess of Asian

rolls with butter.

Carol Midgley on a new TV sketch show with an Asian flavour.

Then the definitive history of British comedy is written, Asian culture is unlikely to figure much. Trawl through the archives of siscoms and comedy sketches and you will regularly find "gags" based around, and often at the expense of, black people (see Rising Damp, Love Thy Neighbour, Till Death Us Do Parti, but few about Asians. Comedy scripts written by Asian people are virtually non-existent.

Next year, however, BBC2 is enter the traditional no-go area with a comedy series satirising Asian culture. Written by a young Asian cast, many of whom also star in the series, arranged marriages, social climbing and the religious practices of Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims become the butt of humour. in Goodness Gracious Me.

One would probably have to go back as far as 1970s programme Curry and Chips, in which Spike Milligan was blacked up to play the part of an Indian man, to find a British comedy show which hinged on-Asian culture. However, commissioning editors know that there are two. million Asian people living in the UK — a huge portion

The format of the series, to be shown in January, is: similar to other sketch shows such as Not the Nine o'Clock News and The Fast Show. On the team is Meera

matriarchs who refuse to go out for meals "because they can make it cheaper at home" and male chauvinism of their husbands is also Anii Gupta, the shows producer who is half Asian, said there would be no no go

about.

areas, although the series was not settime out to be controversial. "People have a slight trepidation when it comes to laughing at things to do with ethnic minorities because they fear people might be laughing for the wrong reasons," he

We are just ob-

serving things about Asian family life, religion and so on which has always made us laugh. We don't laugh at relipractice of religion. For instance, there is

is asking his parents what being Hindu means. It turns out that his parents haven't ever thought about it and the best thing that they can come up with is that the defining principle is they don't eat beef."

He said it was no different to the comedian Dave Allen satirising his own religion, Roman Catholicism. There will be people who will be offended but that isn't the intention," he said. "We just Want to make people laugh." It is hoped that the show,

which will be televised after meant to be reflecting Asian the watershed, will take on a cult status in the way that Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer's Shooting Stars and The Fast Show have done.

"We don't want it to be a ghetto show and we don't want it just to be watched by Asian people," Mr Plowman said. This is a very fresh, very new type of comedy which I think can be huge."



The departure of Alasdair Milne, left, from the BBC was to some extent precipitated by the Tory libel action, on Norman Tebbit admits he received inside information

How Tebbit the BBC will reveal that Lord Tebbit, when he was chairman of the Conservative Party, intervened directly with the BBC governors in the row over Maggie's Militant Tendency, beat the BBC

the Panorama programme about right-wing MPs. Lord Tebbit has also admitted, in an interview for the series Auntie: The Inside Story of the BBC, that he had confidential information from inside the BBC on the strength The history of the corporation is studded with rows over libel actions of the corporation's defence of and controversial documentaries. Raymond Snoddy reports the libel action launched by two Conservative MPs men tioned in the programme, Neil Hamilton and Gerald Howarth. The row over the successful libel action helped to precipitate the removal of

Alasdair Milne, the BBC Director-General. In Walking the Tightrope. the fourth in the series made to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the BBC, which deals with the years 1970-86. Lord Tebbit admits: "I had the

good fortune to receive - in a plain brown envelope, of course — some information about the legal advice which had been given to the corporation about its chances of winning the action."

Although the BBC was prepared to defend the legal action to the hilt, its internal legal advice was that the action was not likely to be won, mainly because witnesses were refusing to come forward. It is likely that Conservative Central Office could have obtained details about the case only from someone at a high level in the BBC.

"I might have played some part in bringing about a settlement by making sure that the governors were made aware of the legal advice they (the BBC) had been given. I did think it was appropriate that in some way the governors should know of the advice on which they were going to court," Lord Tebbit said. In the

film, Marmaduke Hussey, the

FT falls through safety net

former-Chairman of the BBC and now Lord Hussey of North Bradley, tells how he called for the papers to review the case. As a result, after only two days in court, the BBC management was told to settle and picked up the bill for legal

arrived

in a plain

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envelope'

The commemorative series has been made by 3BM, an independent production company. Its managdirector The

Jeremy Bennett. was executive producer in charge of information **BBC** contemporary history grammes until he left in 1992 to become an independent. His credits range from The Cuban Missile Crisis, which won a US National

Emmy in 1992, to a two-part series for BBC1: What Did You Do in the War, Aunrie? about the BBC during the Second World War.

Mr Bennett insists he suffered no interference from the BBC in making the warts-andall documentaries. He has, for example, been able to tell the embarrassing story of the "Christmas trees" - the symbols stamped on the files of staff seen as being politically questionable, after secret inhouse vetting by M15 officers.

The only exception to Mr Bennett's complete freedom was the editorial decision taken by Michael Jackson, then BBC director of relevision. now chief executive of Channel 4, that the series should end in 1986 and therefore not deal with controversies over how the BBC is run by its present Director-General, John Birt.

"I argued to go up to the present, and others did too. but the BBC made the decision." Mr Bennett says. "There is a very good practiwhich I have come to accept, and that is that a lot of the people in the past ten years who have been responsible for the changes in the BBC are still in

place, and they are not likely to talk." For the four programmes he has produced, Mr Bennett has been able to call on the BBC's confidential internal archive for interviews by former war correspondent Frank Gillard with leading BBC personalities, usually after retirement when they felt more free to talk. There are more than 120

taped or filmed interviews. The stories from the early days include how Cecil Lewis, the first director of pro-

grammes under John Reith, tried to keep the well-known violinist Daisy Kennedy off the air because she was divorced. Mr Reith's secretary, Dorothy Torry, recalls how a well-known and well-liked newsreader was sacked by Reith because he was a

There was also trouble after the war with the televising of male ballet dancers wearing white tights. Strong plaints were sent to Cecil McGivern, the director of television, with copies to the Home Secretary and the Archbishop of Canterbury, on such shocking broadcasts.

Mr McGivern issued a

memo saying that male danoers dressed in white tights had to be shot "in such a way that the risk (of shocking the audience) is minimised

More seriously, Mr Bennett believes he has reached the truth of the long ban by the BBC of The War Game, which showed the devastating effects of nuclear war.

He has unearthed, and shows, documents that passed

between Sir Burke Trend, the Cabinet Secretary, and Lord Normanbrook, the Chairman of the BBC. "It was quite clear that the Government was leaning on the BBC, but in a quite clever way," Mr Bennett says. "The BBC had to make its own decision but the Gov-

describe their Job as a high-

wire act, but they know they

have a safety net; their stories

are subjected to sceptical scru-

tiny not only by night editors

but also by editors them-selves. Surely, the old hands

add, the FT's editors should

have subjected Peston's story

One reason why the story

slipped through the net may

be the curious state of flux

now reigning at the FT as it

pursues its push towards be-

coming a global newspaper -

only half of the paper's circu-

lation of 328,000 is now in

Britain. Richard Lambert, the

Editor, has moved to New

York, where the FT is seeking

to expand sales, leaving his

deputy behind to look after

Since it is thought unlikely

that Lambert will return to

London as Editor, the FT is

riven by turf wars between

departments and rivalry be-

tween its Young Turks anx-

ious to establish their

credentials for the editorship.

Simultaneously, as a news-

paper of financial record but

with no reputation for scoops,

it is also competing with

London's four other broad-

sheets for supremacy in polit-

ical reporting, another

temptation to publish

'scoops" that don't quite add

the British edition.

to that level of scrutiny.

### A satirical walk with

BILL **BRYSON** READERS are invited to a

ernment was worried that

there would be panic in the

The final programme covers

not only Maggie's Militant Tendency and the removal of

Mr Milne, but also the huge

row over the Real Lives docu-

mentary on Northern Ireland.

ord Rees-Mogg, then

vice-chairman of the

Governors, makes

clear his objection to

documentaries showing al-

leged terrorists dangling

children on their knees with-

out being confronted by the

consequences of their actions.

the governors in public as

"amateurs", argues equally strongly that there was very

little wrong with the pro-

gramme, apart from adding

some evidence of IRA violence. which was the only change

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Sval, who wrote Bhaji on a sketch where a Hindu son the Beach and The Rea McCoy, Sanjeey Bhaskar. Kulvinder Ghir and Nina Wadia. Syal, Bhaskar, Sharat Sardana and Richard Pinto do most of the Jon Plowman, the executive producer who was also behind Absolutely Fabulous and A Bit of Fry & Laurie, sald some of the humour is based on Asians mocking the blandness of English culture. "It is a chance to learn about how one bit of

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Meera Syal: writer and actor

culture to Asians, but to be mainstream for everyone. The title, which is taken. from the Peter Sellers and . Sophia Loren song, Goodness Gracious Me, was intended to "send up" the view the British have of Indian and Pakistani people. A radio version has been run on Radio 4.

Britain sees another bit of

Britain," he said. "It is not

WHEN the Financial Times gets a scoop, the City reacts. Share dealers believe that what they read is accurate and can be believed. So the stock market soared and the pound slumped on September 26 when the FT's political editor, Robert Peston, reported that sterling was likely to join the European single currency at an early opportunity after the 1999 launch. Last Saturday, a different

version of government policy on EMU appeared on the front page of The Times. According to political editor Philip Webster, Gordon Brown was on the verge of ruling out British membership of a European single currency before the next elec-

"Senior Treasury sources" (subsequently revealed as Charles Whelan, Brown's spin-doctor, calling from the Red Lion pub in Whitehall) made sure the message that the FT report was wrong got home to The Daily Telegraph and The Guardian. Both reported that Britain would not enter a single currency until 2002.

The source named for Peston's story was not the usual "Downing Street sources" or the Prime Minis ter's office" but an unnamed "minister", and it has now been confirmed that the minister was none of the usual suspects around the Chancellor. Webster's source was the Chancellor himself, speaking unusually savage denuncia-

on the record and his interpretation was confirmed by Treasury and Downing Street

sources. So who is to be

believed and trusted — the FT

or The Times, Guardian and

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

Daily Telegraph? As Peston found over the weekend, it was difficult to wriggle off the hook. Although he followed up Webster's story on Saturday, he made no mention of the Brown interview, and his story was headlined: "UK rules out joining EMU before 2000" - not 2002. On Monday he returned to the subject again, signalling that Britain remained committed to preparing for monetary union in spite of the weekend disclosure that a decision was likely to be deferred until after next election. He did. admit, however, that the Gov-

proach he had reported three weeks ago. His reports won him an

ernment had "backed away"

from the "more positive" ap-

tion at Monday's briefing for lobby correspondents, at which he was accused of continuing to dig a hole for himself by maintaining that he had spoken to Treasury sources - and all this from the bible of the City, said the Prime Minister's spokesman.

There was also anxiety at the FT, where the inquest on Peston's reports was described as even more intense than the inquest on the FT's performance after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. At stake for the FT is its credibility, particularly among its primary audience in the City and financial markets around the world.

There are some journalists whose work is so respected or sources so impeccable that their rivals know that at a push they can follow their stories without needing to check them. Such bylines as Raymond Snoddy, now of The Times but previously of the FT (on the media) or Richard Kay of the Daily get. Yet older Westminster

**FINANCIAL TIMES** Michigan and Market an Cabinet shifts towards Emu 1,500 jobs The Baily Telegraph to euro Brown rules out single currency before the for lifetime of this Parliament Brown puts brakes on ioining EMU

Credibility gap: conflicting headlines on EMU

could reports in the sobersided FT. Peston is a talented reporter who has won prizes for his

scoops, one of which was the

details of Brown's first Bud-

Mail (on the late Princess of hands are now wondering if Wales) can be trusted. So his September "scoop", apparently based on only one the usual Treasury sources.

source, was an example of the

Whatever, the end result of this "scoop" was multimillionpound losses for the dealers and businessmen who sold

sterling after reading the FT.

FT pushing a story too far. Surely, they argue, it should have been checked with all Political reporters often

#### **NEWS**

#### Treasury accused of euro profits

■ The Conservatives suggested last night that the Treasury may have profited from the confusion over its stance on a European single currency - and demanded an official investigation.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, has called for City regulators to examine allegedly unusual movements in the markets ahead of recent conflicting press reports on government policy...

#### **Dressing down for modern Tories**

William Hague's attempt to fashion a modern image for the Conservatives came apart at the seams at the start of a two-day bonding session for MPs. The latest fault line in the party was nothing to do with the usual flashpoint of Europe, but whether to be casual or smart...

#### Children can stay Two Nigerian children who were

ordered to be returned to their natural mother to grow up in their "own race and culture" are. now to remain with their white foster mother ......

#### Stonehenge rescue

An imaginative scheme to conserve Stonehenge received a dramatic boost when the Ministry of Defence gave the all-clear to a crucial new road......Page 2

#### IRA man was shot

An IRA plot to launch a bombing campaign ended with the leader of an active service unit being shot dead by police, the Old Bailey was told .... .....Page 3

#### Gypsies warned

The Slovak Embassy tried to stop hundreds of Gypsies seeking asylum in Britain. As a further 30 Gypsies headed for Dover, the Slovaks warned that they would not be welcome..... ... Page 4

#### Bride saves husband

A bride saved her husband's life after he was catapulted more than 30 feet into the air and knocked unconscious in a speed boat explosion .... .....Page 5

#### Rector sex case

A woman let a friend use her home for a love affair with a clergyman, a court heard but she drew the line when she was invited to join in their bedroom ...Page 7

#### Royal cure

The Prince of Wales launched a debate into the role of complementary medicine, outlining his idea for using therapies alongside conventional medicine ..... Page 8

#### Judge under attack

A judge charged with his third drink-driving offence faced calls that, were he to be convicted, he should be sacked.... Nurse accused

#### A former nursing assistant at a

private old people's nursing home in Copenhagen was charged with the murder of 22 of its residents using pain killers ...... Page 12 Solzhenitsyn prize

#### The Nobel laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn announced the creation of an annual literature prize in his name to help to reinvigorate Russian writing ...... Page 13

Papon defended The historian who helped to expose the alleged Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon 16 years ago has claimed that the man accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their deaths saved many from the gas

#### Art theft saga

An outlandish tale of art theft whose cast includes wartime Soviet soldiers, an unsavoury assortment of Azerbaijanis and an apparently dim-witted Japanese businessman - unfolded in a Manhattan court...... Page 15

#### Diana record beats White Christmas

Candle in the Wind 1997, which Elton John perfor the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, in Westminster Abbey, has taken only 37 days to overhaul the sales of Bing Crosby's 1942 hit. White Christmas. The record has sold 31.8 million worldwide, including 5 million in Britain. The record company is donating its profits to the Diana memorial fund ...... Page 1



Storms have washed away tons of sand from Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana beach, leaving the rocky foreshore exposed. Page 15

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Pensions: Prudential Corporation, the biggest provider of pensions in Britain, was accused by regulators eatchi: Zenith, the media buying

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Football: Manchester United are confident of victory over Feyenoord in the Champions' League but Alex Ferguson says that there will be no complacency \_\_\_\_ .... Page 48

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rain is possible in the east but most parts of Scotland will stay dry and cold with sunny speaks. Elsewhere it will be dry and chilly. Most places will have good sunny speaks with southern, central and northwest England having the most sunshine. Di London, SE England, Central S England, E Midtands, W Midtands, & Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Misn, Central N England: sunny and dry. Sight trost early and lake Light easterly breeze Mex 14C (57P).

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Heavenly chorus: English National Opera's searing new production of Janabek's From the House of the Dead owes a lot to a chorus on

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The arrival of techno music on the international artistic scene has provoked in France, as elsewhere, a thorities, educators, families and even show business professionals who are struggling to control a musical genre that has spiralled out of control, just as rap did - Le Monde

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Behind all the rhetoric about Italy's unmissable rendezvous with monetary union, the clear aim of President Scalfaro and Signor Prodi was to do anything, but anything, to avoid turning to voters ..... Page 19

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Numbering some eight million in Europe alone, the Gypsies are not only the continent's largest minority, they are also the fastest growing population in countries with static or negative birthrates. And so Gypsies - and the "Gypsy Problem" — will not go away ... Page 18

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Mandeleson's ambition is political. His route to Parliament happened to include a spell of spin-doctoring and he found he was rather good at it. But now he is like an actor who wants to play Hamlet and people insist on talking about how good he is in Coronation Street ..... Page 18

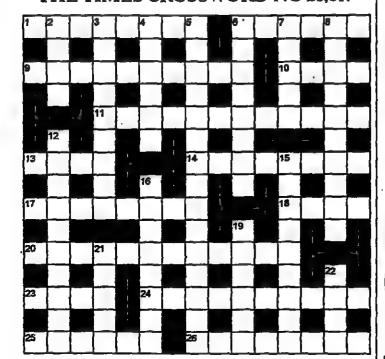
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Whatever the format of Downing Street briefings, journalists will always gather information on an unattributable basis. This enables politicians to talk more freely and journalists to provide greater

Kenneth Wood, inventor of the Kenwood mixer: Group Captain Deamond Scott, New Zealand fighter ace: Sir Gilbert Longdon, former MP.....

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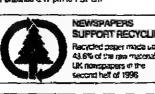
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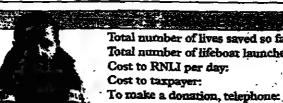
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**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22 1997** 

### Pru rebuked for pensions mis-selling failures



INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION, the biggest provider of UK pensions, suffered a blow yesterday when its regulator issued a public reprimand of its handling of the pensions misselling review.

Accusing Prudential of "serious shortcomings" in its ongoing mis-selling investigations, the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) said the insurer had failed to act with "due skill, care and diligence". It went on: The Prudential, on its own admission, has failed to manage the penmanagers and their reassurances."

The statement added that SIB was

"deeply concerned by the cumulative effects of the Prudential's failures".

The SIB report comes after Prudential missed a series of deadlines for dealing with top priority cases. Two months ago the insurer in-creased its pension mis-selling provisions to £450 million and revealed it had almost 70,000 priority cases. At the end of last month Jim

Sutcliffe, chief executive of Prudential UK, left the company abruptly and Peter Davis, the group chief executive, took over the running of the UK operation.

SIB has no powers to fine Prudential, but the public rebuke was designed to cause maximum embarrassment to Sir Peter, who recently appeared on television advertisements as "the man from the Pru" to promote its savings and investments

It will also embarrass the Government, which in June appointed Sir Peter to head its new Welfare to Work programme. Prudential has already been criticised by Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, who has been "naming and shaming" tardy pension companies.

The Prudential responded by saying it accepted SIB's findings and pledged that offering redress to The Prudential is one of a number

pensions companies accused of wrongly persuading around 500,000 people to leave occupational pension schemes in favour of personal pensions.

Sir Peter made no comment vesterday but a spokesman for the insurer said that executives had not been fully aware of how time-consuming the investigation had proved to be. "It was not given the priority it should have been," the spokesman said. "We are very concerned that we have man to run the unit and are being advised by Price Waterhouse. We cannot say whether further provision will be necessary, but we hope the review will be completed by March." Some analysts suggested that Prudential, which recently retested all 5,500 direct sales staff, might come in

time to rely more heavily on sales through independent financial advisers. However, the spokesman for Prudential said: "Our direct sales team is an important part of our business and we have no plans to disband it."

# RJB plunges as state help is ruled out

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE GOVERNMENT yes-terday ruled out special help in RJB Mining plunged 56 p, to an all-time low of 1835 p, after a broker. gave warning about the company's future.

Kleinwort Bensonsaid that RJB profits could slump by 87 per cent over the heat six ears. By 2004, it said, all British deep mines could be shut. In April, Kleinwort had recommended RJB shares as a ahead of interim results last month. It has now advised investors to sell.

kleinwort has stoked grow ng concern over the future of RIB and the coal industry. amid what is seen as indifference from the Government. John Battle, Energy Minister, said he understood RJB was "experiencing difficulties" in the negotiations over future contracts with electricity gen-erators, but added: "So the pressure is on Mr Budge, quite frankly."

RJB is in talks to secure contracts after the present government-arranged deals expire next March. But no deal has been struck yet and RJB has warned the Government that a new round of pit-closures, with the loss of about 4,000 jobs, is inevitable if there is no effort to curb the use of gas in electricity generation and to support the coal

Mr Battle said that the Government could not fell the generators to "subsidise Mr Budge". He said: "That would be grotesquely unfair to all the. other companies who are negotiating contracts."

Kleinwort said it was forced to abandon its previous buy recommendation partly be-cause Labour was implementing policies that damaged the coal industry. Kleinwort said: "Most worrying not only has it [the Government] further encouraged gas ... but it is also prioritising its environmental commitments over and above the wellbeing of the coal

It is expected that Labour backbenchers will increase and the Department of Trade and industry when Parliament returns. Early next month a delegation of union leaders and several MPs will meet Mr Battle and Michael Meacher, the Environment

It is expected they will demand a half to further approvals of gas-fired power

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stations. Tomorrow, John Gregan, Labour MP. for Selby, will lead a Coaffield Communities Campaign debate on the future of coal. He said: "The conference is designed to bring together a powerful coalition, which can lobby the new Government about the case for coal."

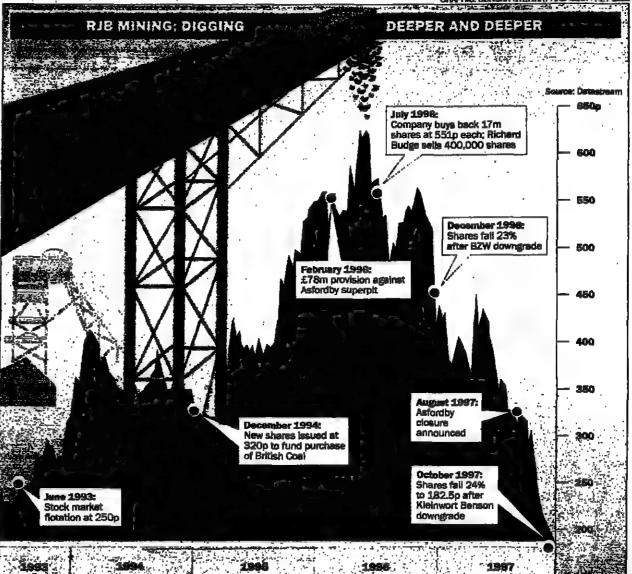
Last week RJB stopped development work at four collier-

ies, indicating a scaling-down of its resources. But a spokesman insisted the company was optimistic over its future despite the sharp warning

He said: "This is nothing to do with the performance of the company. We are continuing to make efficiencies and are continuing talks with the generators."

Charles Kernot, mining analyst at Paribas, said RJB had but that its longer-term interests were likely to lie overseas. Richard Budge, chief execu-

tive, suffered a personal loss on paper of £2 million on his 3.6 million shares in the company. After the stock-market flotation in 1993 Mr. Budge had a shareholding of 3.9 million. In July last year he sold 400,000 shares as part of a buyback when the share price was 550p.



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#### Skill shortage

The CBI warned markets that interest rates may have to rise if growing skill shortages increase inflation. But with the quarterly industrial trends survey showing export orders at a six-year low, the CBI said that, on balance. interest rates should "stay on hold", Page 26

#### Strong drugs

Rapidly growing pharmaceutical sales in America enabled Smith Kline Beecham to deliver another strong set of quarterly figures, with underlying pre-tax profits increasing by 14 per cent to £427 million. Page 27

### **Brown faces** tough choice

By ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

choose between volatile inflation and tax rises if he presses ahead with plans to join the single currency, a leading economics think-tank claims today. The National Institute of Economic and Social Research. argues that the pound is "gross-

ly overvalued" at current levels and that the Chancellor will need to coax sterling lower before joining EMU. But the institute says that

beying to control the exchange rate through interest rate policy will make hitting the inflation target more difficult as rates are likely to have to be substantially The Government's only after-

native is to use hefty tax rises to compensate for rate cuts, even though fiscal policy is already on a "sustainable basis" and such a policy would break Labour's election pledge not to

raise direct taxes. "By the time

Britain does join monetary union the Government will either have to accept an infla-tion rate likely to be more variable than that delivered by the Bank of England or it will have to be prepared to return to fiscal fine tuning," the institute says.

It says that at current forward rates the market expects sterling to join EMU in five years' time at DM2.63. Even at this level, the institute says it would be overvalued, and the Chancellor should aim for around DM2.50. But the pound yesterday

continued to surge boosted by the Government's apparent change of heart on EMU policy. If closed up three plennigs at DM2.9183 - its highest level since early September.

CBI warning, page 26

### **H&C** to deliver £359m windfall

HARRISONS & CROSFIELD, the pet food to chemicals conglomerate, is to return £359 million to shareholders following the disposal of its Harcros builders merchant chain to

Meyer International. The cash return, equivalent to not less than 50p per share, will be achieved by way of a scheme of arrangement, issuing shares in a new company to vestors, plus cash or redeemable loan notes.

Bill Turcan, chief executive of Harrisons & Crosfield, said: "This is a radical solution. Our guiding principle is value for shareholders." He said that Harrisons will sell all its other non-chemical assets, including the agricultural businesses, when appropriate values can

Meyer International is raising £111.7 million in a one-forshare to fund the £318 million purchase of the Harcros chain. The deal will double the size of Meyer's Jewson chain. pushing it into the top slot in Britain with 414 branches.

John Dobby, Meyer chief executive, said he anticipated just 20 closures as a result of putting the two chains together to trade under the Jewson banner. Meyer expects to achieve savings of £20 million in the third year, from pur-chasing and supplies, with the E23 million cash cost of integration being taken at the end of the current financial year.

Meyer estimates that its pretax profit for the half year to September 30 was not less than £26 million (£20 milion) and the company expects to pay an interim dividend of 4.5p on existing shares.

### pressure on Downing Street Zenith goes to law to bar Saatchi move



ZENITH, the media buying arm of Cordiant, yesterday took its former boss, Christine Walker, to court after learning of her plans to join forces with Lord Saatchi, who was ousted as Cordiant

chairman nearly three years ago.

Ms Walker, 44, one of the most highprofile women in advertising, resigned from Zenith in January after running the media buying operation for ten years. Under her £200,000 a year contract, she was put on "gardening leave", which precluded her working in the industry.

This restriction ends on Saturday. The advertising industry has been awash with stories that Ms Walker was in talks with M&C Saatchi, the agency

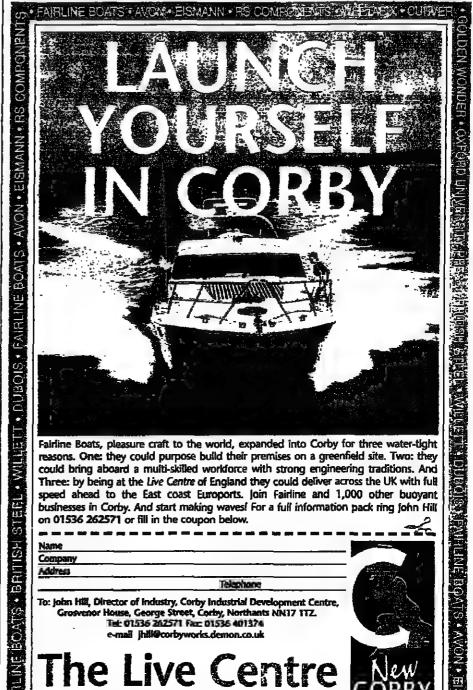
from Cordiant, about setting up a rival media buying operation.

Zenith reacted to these stories, which are understood to have some truth to them, by going to court yesterday to try to enforce clauses in Ms Walker's contract to prevent her from poaching Zenith clients or staff for another 12 months. She responded that the clauses cannot be enforced because they restrict her freedom to work. A court hearing has been set for early November.

Zenith's legal action comes at a critical time for Cordiant, whose shareholders are to vote on its £600 million demerger tomorrow. Ownership of Zenith is to be split 50/50 between Cordiant Communications Group, which will also own the

Lord Saatchi formed after being ousted Bates advertising network, and Saatchi & Saatchi, which will own the advertising agency originally founded by Lord . Saatchi and his brother Charles Saatchi.

The action against Ms Walker marks the second time that Cordiant operations have gone to court to try to stop senior staff joining Saatchi. Attempts by Saatchi & Saatchi to stop three of its leading lights -- Bill Muirhead, David Kershaw and Jeremy Sinclair - joining the nascent M&C Saatchi in 1995 led to a long legal battle. Saatchi & Saatchi hoped to hold the trio to their notice periods - 24 months for Mr Muirhead and 12 months for the other two - but the courts ruled that these terms were too onerous and freed them from "gardening leave" after six months.



#### Sugar aims to revive **Amstrad** name

By CHRIS AYRES

THE name Amstrad, still associated in many peo-ple's minds with faulty disk drives and word processors the size of small cars, is set to be exhumed by Alan Sugar, who founded the Amstrad electronics

empire 20 years ago. The name officially disappeared from the stock market this year when Mr Sugar broke up the struggling company by demer-ging Viglen, the bespoke computer manufacturer, to focus his attention on Betacom, the consumer electronics business.

Mr Sugar, who is chairman of Betacom and Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. yesterday proposed renaming the company Amstrad at its annual meeting in November.

He said: The Amstrad name is the predominant brand of Beracom and represents one of the strongest consumer electronics

brands in Europe."

After the break-up,
Betacom gained the licensing rights to sell all Amstrad, Sinclair and Fidelity household electronics products for three years. It also acquired Amstrad's domestic satellite business.

Betacom yesterday said pre-tax profit rose 174 per cent in the year to June 30 from £606,000 to £1.7 million, on turnover of £20 million (£16 million). Earnings per share were 2.12p (0.86p), and a 0.3p final dividend, due on December 5, makes a total of 0.5p.

The company said it had put a new management team in place and in the next few months it would review its current product range and the future direction of the company.

# CBI delivers warning over skill shortages

By Philip Bassett and Alasdair Murray

THE Confederation of British Industry gave warning yesterhave to rise again if growing skill shortages increase inflationary pressures.

But with the CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey showing export order books touching a six-year low, the organisation said, on balance, interest rates should "stay on hold" at present.

The CBI's stance was backed up by the latest forecast from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which predicts that the economy will enjoy a "soft landing" next year and there is

The NIESR said the strong

Dispute pact

hits profits of

David Brown

BY ADAM JONES

PROFITS of David Brown. the specialist engineering

months to August 1 after a

contractual dispute about the

sale of gearboxes in 1984 was settled with a £1.5 million payment by the company.

Interim profits after this exceptional charge fell from E8.7 million to E7.9 million

before tax. Turnover from the company's pumps, gears and drives business rose from £90.8 million to £91.8 million.

Chris Cook, chairman, said that "robust order books" and

continuing expansion justified

confidence. The company said

that gains would come from

continued cost control - oper

ating margins grew from 10.4 per cent to 11 per cent.An interim dividend of 2.9p (2.65p) is due on November 2i.

dipped in the six

pound, combined with rising interest rates and tight government spending, will cause the economy to slow sharply. GDP growth will slip from 3.5 per cent this year to 2 per cent in 1998, while inflation will remain close to the target measure of 2.5 per cent.

The NIESR predicts that the

Bank of England will raise rates from 7 per cent to a peak of 7.5 per cent next year, although it argues that rate Institute says that there is still a 25 per cent chance of the country slipping into recession

The CBI industrial trends survey showed growth in total and domestic orders slowing over the past four months, but could force the Bank of Engbusiness confidence rising land to raise rates. marginally -- perhaps reflect-

ing, according to the CBI, the fallback in sterling since the Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank and head of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said: "Inflationary pressures in manufacturing

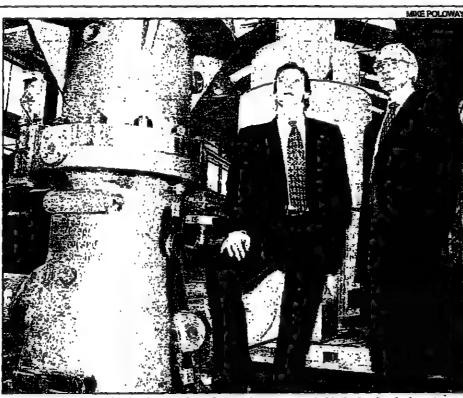
interest rates can stay on hold However, he gave warning that a build-up of "potential inflationary worries", including skill shortages, were benning to feed through into higher earnings growth and

remain subdued, with unit

costs and prices firmly under control, so we believe that

Export orders continued to decline, falling to their lowest level since July 1991. The CBI gave warning that although the fall-off has not yet ap-peared in the official figures. businesses are likely to feel the impact of strong sterling over the next 12 months.

The NIESR also forecasts a sharp slowdown in exports, arguing that there is little credible evidence that UK exporters will ride the rise in the pound. The NIESR says that exporters cannot "indefinitely" postpone facing up to the high exchange rate and are likely to suffer from a fall in price competitiveness next year.



Chris Brown, left, chief executive of David Brown, and Chris Cook, chairman

#### **Abolition of** tax relief will push up wage bills

BY PHILIP BASSETT

WAGE pressures are set to rise with the Government's planned abolition of the tax relief on profit-related pay as employees seek compensation for loss of income, personnel managers will assistant.

managers will say today.

Business leaders forecast a possible further rate rise yesterday stemming from inflationary pressures coming from a tightening labour mar-ket, and personnel managers today add force to concerns

about rising wages.

The Government is to phase out the tax relief on profirelated pay (PRP), withdrawing it fully by January 2000. According to a survey today by the Institute of Personnel and Development, more than a third of companies currently operating PRP schemes regis-tered with the Inland Revenue intend to discontinue them when the tax relief is abolished. Oonagh Ryden, pay policy adviser with the IPD, which opens its annual conference in Harrogate today, said: "The

phasing out of profit-related pay schemes is likely to inease wage pressures in the UK economy as employees demand compensation for loss of The survey of 1,800 organ-isations shows that only 16 per cent of firms plan to continue

and 13 per intend to bring in a new, tamble scheme.

But almost a third plan to consolidate their PRP schemes into basic pay - negating the entire effect of the plan, which

PRP schemes without tax relief.

was originally aimed at in-creasing pay flexibility. Half the firms with schemes say PRP payments now account for 3-10 per cent of their wage bill, and many businesses are still registering schemes to "cash in" on tax benefits before they are scrapped, ac-cording to the IPD.

### Redrow out to build near Hyundai plant

REDROW, the housebuilder, aims to cash in on Hyundai's plans for a £1.3 billion microchip plant at Dunfermline, Fife, after securing land to build up to 1.600 houses in the area. The company is set to spend up to £130 million on a range of accommodation to prepare for the property boom expected once Hyundai's memory chip development gets under way. Paul Pedley, Redrow's managing director, said that it was one of the few organisations that knew the Hyundai plant had the capacity for four microchip factories employing 3,200 workers. Hyundai has so far only publicised plans for two £650 million microchip plants creating 1.600 jobs. Redrow bought rights to land from a local property owner for £100,000 and will pay him for every plot it intends to build on. It has promised to buy at least 70 acres of the 140-acre site, but has given no minimum commitment about how many homes it will build. The rival housebuilder Wilson (Connolly) has it will build. The rival housebuilder Wilson (Connolly) has won consent to build 3,500 homes in the area.

#### Beauford acquisition

BEAUFORD, the ceramics manufacturer, is to acquire Allied Insulators from Pairey Group for a maximum of £9 million in cash. The initial consideration consists of a cash payment of £1.3 million and the assumption of an intercompany loan of £6.7 million. A further profit-related payment of up to £1 million may be due after 1998. Beauford is raising £8 million by way of a placing and open offer of new shares at 26-4 p. each, against yesterday's unchanged closing price of 29-2 p.

#### Incepta half-year leap

INCEPTA, the marketing and communications group that last year merged with Citigate, the financial public relations company, more than doubled pre-tax profits in the six months to August 31 from £1.1 million to £2.6 million. Turnover rose from £8.6 million to £43.1 million. Examings per share rose 36 per cent from 0.58p to 0.79p. A final dividend of 0.35p is forecast. The company said that current

#### Smiths chief's options

SIR ROGER HURN, chairman of Smiths Industries, the SIR ROGER HURN, chairman of Smiths industries, the engineering group, yesterday made a profit of £784.590 on the exercise of options over shares in it. He effectively bought 173.582 shares in .Smiths at 451p and sold at 903p. He was granted the options on 21 October 1994 and yesterday was the first day he could exercise his option. He had until 21 October 2004 to act. Sir Roger still has 163.518 shares in Smiths, worth almost £1.5 million at yesterday's closing price of 910p, up 7p.

#### Mirror deal approved

MIRROR GROUPS plans to buy Midland Independent Newspapers, the regional publisher, have been approved by the Department of Trade and Industry. The decision was announced by Nigel Griffiths, Competition and Consumer Affeirs Minister, after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission concluded the deal would not operate against the public interest. Among MIN's titles are the Birmingham Post and Evening Mall.

#### Pound hits toiletries firm

PATERSON ZOCHONIS, the toiletries and household products company with extensive interests overseas, lifted pre-tex profits to £30.2 million, from £29.17 million, in the year to May 31, despite suffering a £2 million bit from the impact of sterling's strength. Earnings were 43.09p a share, up from 38.06p. The final dividend is cut to 11.7p from 13.35p, making a total of 17.2p (16p), Turnover fell to £350.35 million from £361 million, with the strong pound reducing sales by £34 million.

#### **Delay for Fortune Oil**

FORTUNE OIL said that a joint venture with China Aviation Oil Supply Corporation and Vitol to provide aircraft services in central and southern China will not now be completed until the end of 1997 because of delays in an environmental audit of the 16 airports. A July rights issue raised £23.4 million for the venture. Fortune yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £2.28 million (£1.7 million) for the half year to June 30, Earnings per share were 0.14p (0.13p). There is again no dividend.

#### Nikko faces suspension

JAPAN'S Finance Ministry is to suspend Nikko Securities from bond underwriting after the arrest of two former executives for alleged illegal payments to a corporate racketeer. Nik-ko holds about 3.28 per cent of the underwriting syndicate for government bonds, the largest share of all the main securities houses. The pair are charged with violating Japan's commercial code banning payments to racketeers. A complaint was also filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# competition rethink customers first

By Philip Bassett, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government announced yesterday that it will, if neces-sary, amend its own legislation reforming Britain's competition laws to meet legirimate proposals from business to improve the new law. The Government jast week published the Bill to reform competition policy by adopting a prohibitive approach to anticompetitive practices, bringing

UK law into line with European competition legislation. While ministers accepted some proposals from business leaders amending its draft version of the Bill, they rejected a number of central claims

from bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry. But speaking to business leaders at a CBI conference yesterday. John Battle, the Industry Minister, said the Government is prepared to amend its legislation on competition policy during its Parliamentary stages. He said that even though the Government had received more than 150 responses from business to its proposals, it is still receiving suggestions for improvements.

Business leaders have said

that the Bill's proposed penal-

ties and powers for the compe-

tition authorities as too harsh.

# AN INDEPENDENT con-sumer panel yesterday called, for the new investor watchdog

to have as its first priority the protection of the interests of individual investors, not the promotion of the business of City firms. The watchdog should also assume responsi bility for mortgages and longterm care insurance which are both at present unregulated Anne Ashworth writes).

Barbara Saunders, chairman of the Personal Investment Authority Consumer Panel, an independent body. said: "People need to know that the new financial services regulator will have their inter ests at heart."

### Government set for New regulator told to put told to put to be investigated over dumped papers

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A DATA privacy watchdog is to investigate Abbey National and NatWest Bank after a bundle of confidential client documents were found dumped in a Plymouth street.

David Smith, assitant data protection registrar, said yes-terday that he would investigate the affair to establish whether the banks' controls were up to scratch.

If the watchdog does uncover a serious breach of data protection rules, Abbey Nat-ional and NatWest could both face enforcement orders, or in the worst case unlimited fines. The bundle of documents,

including details of client names, addresses, credit cards and bank accounts, were discovered behind a multistorey car park in Plymouth by Gary Connett, 29, a builder.

similar details of Halifax accounts at the same place

several months ago. An investigation by the registrar re-vealed that a firm of contract cleaners had failed to dispose of the documents properly.

He said: "It seems it is standard practice for building

societies and banks to throw away customers' personal bank information with the normal rubbish. You would have thought in this day and age that anything from a bank or building society would be shredded, however small or unimportant."

NatWest said it was difficult on the available evidence to ess whether the bank had broken any rules, but its staff would co-operate with the investigation. Abbey National said: "We will immediately review how we dispose of documentation for our branches and we apologise if any breach of confidentiality rule has been caused."



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ony Blair was not at home when a delegation of pit owners turned up at 10 Downing Street last week. He was genuinely otherwise engaged in Dublin, which was just as well since had be any into the as well, since, had he run into the visitors on their way to talk to the head of the policy unit, they might have fallen on their knees and appealed to the Prime Minister's better nature. Walking past would have been

embarrassing.

All the indications are, however, that Mr Blair is steeling himself to the embarrassment of heading a Labour Government which presides over the death of most of Britain's coal industry, and the miners' jobs within it.

And the growing realisation that miners do not have enough

votes to matter is causing embarrassment well beyond Downing Street and Smith Square. In particular, there is some squirming in the offices of stockbrokers Dresdner Kleinwort Renson This is the Kleinwort Benson. This is the firm whose condemnatory cir-cular on RJB Mining helped toreduce the company's value by more than a quarter yesterday. The document shrieked with all the certainty of the convert.

For it was just a few months ago that the same firm produced a deliciously bullish circular on RJB, full of juicy dividend projec-tions and optimistic share price

## Blair will not Budge to save mines

projections. The broker's view was coloured by the belief that Labour in government would be supportive to the coal industry.

Well, highly paid analysts are expected to take a view on the economic climate within which companies must operate, but their political antennae may not always be tuned to the right wave

New Labour is not going to come to the rescue of Richard Budge and his shareholders. The realisation of that has persuaded Kleinwort that instead of profits hitting £147 million in 1999, they will now be doing well to make £62 million that year and could have shrunk to £24 million by

Now it reckons that the shares are worth no more than £1 but when it issued its buy circular in April, the price was £4.12. Even after New Labour strode into office, it continued to believe that the party would look after the coal industry and, as recently as September, was still recommending a purchase of the

Investors would have been better advised to follow the

**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor example of Richard Budge, who took the chance to officed a parcel of around 400,000 shares The National Institute argues

in July last year when the price was at the never to be repeated level of \$53p. But Mr Budge held onto most of his stock, around 3.5 million shares. His belief Labour would not risk the embarrassment of closing the pits has cost him a fortune.

#### Brown still left to spin the pound

nder the Tories, joining the euro was a constitu-tional issue. Under Gordon Brown it is supposedly economic but certainly no simpler. As with most economic reforms, such as Joining the exchange rate mechanism, the perils lie on the snake-infested

argues that the problem with the ERM was not joining at a CBIapproved central parity of 2.95 marks but that ERM currencies as a whole were too high in 1990-92.At the time, it seemed rather different. Britain was stuck far in recession because our duty to keep sterling up stopped Norman Lamont cutting interest rates as fast as he should. Sterling certainly went in at too high an interest rate.

The same contudrum would have faced arm and the con-

have faced euro entry this century and may well continue into the next in their latest sectioning of the economy, NIESR's Martin Wheale and Garry Young argue that sterling is overvalued in spite of the seeming health of exports and the lack of an import surge. This is only a matter of time, they say, due to lags caused by hedging currencies. Even

before Mr Brown and his merry men sent the pound back up to DM2.92. NIESR calculated that the UK's pattern of higher interest rates implied that financial markets expect sterling to settle at about DM2.63 in five years time. But allowing for changes in relative labour costs and compet-itiveness. NIESR reckons DM2.50 might be a fairer parity.
In other words, British con-

sumers might be able to change their pounds for anything be-tween 1.25 and 1.5 curvs a time. Given a choice, voters might take a different view from exporters of the best parity.
All this shows how crazy it is to

link inextricably with another curreency before shadowing it well in advance. This is the only process likely to hasten convergence of economic cycles. On economic grounds, there-

fore, Mr Brown has no chance of

forgetting the euro until the next election. If he wants to consider joining shortly thereafter and keep his options open on rates, he would need to rejoin the ERM in 1999 with central parities mark-

#### Man from Pru must change his policy

edly lower than today's market

price. Try spinning that.

S ir Peter Davis has appeared remarkably impervious to the vious to the tongue lashings of Economic Secretary Helea Liddell so there is lime reason to presume that a few swipes of the SIB's wet lettuce leaves will chasten him. Yet if the Pru is guilty as charged by its regulator, then he should be

feeling a tinge of remorse.

Clearing up the mess created by pensions mis-selling had to be a priority for every firm that had prospered by what amounted to conning customers. But the Pru, according to the SIB, "failed to manage the pensions review as a major project". This is despite the arrival at the Treasury of the feisty Mrs Liddell, who left no one in any doubt about the priority that should be accorded to the exercise and the timetable that should be met.

The Pru has consistently missed the deadlines for dealing with its backlog of cases. Yesterday the hints from the com-

terday the hints from the company were that the change of personnel following the ousting of Jim Sutcliffe might improve things. But if Sir Peter chooses to broadcast to the nation that he is The Man from the Pru, and a guardian angel, then he might have glanced down from on high every so often to ensure that the pensions issue was being dealt with efficiently.

As he maps out the course for the new Super-SIB, Howard Davies needs to find a way to persuade busy chaps like Sir Peter to pay attention.

#### Dangling carats

an agreement over diamond sales. Despite both sides' efforts to put a Hatton Garden polish on the deal. it looks dangerously flawed. In theory, Russia will no longer furnively leak gems onto the market, so depressing the price, but less than half its production is likely to go to De Beers. Tracking the rest may keep the De Beers brief life of the accord.

### \* Pharmaceuticals deliver rapid growth at SB

RAPID GROWTH in pharmaceutical sales in the US enabled SmithKline Beecham to deliver another strong set of quarterly figures, with underlying pre-tax profits increas-ing by 14 per cent to £427 million.

US sales of several of SB's biggest-selling drugs grew by more than 35 per cent, includ-ing the antibiotic Augmentin (up 36 per cent), the hepatitis B vaccine Engerix-B (40 per cent) and the antidepressant

Paxil (40 per cent). An ebuilient Jan Leschly, chief executive, said: "It was a hell of a good quarter. Our new products were up 41 per Both Aug Paxil/Seroxat have already sold \$1 billion this year."

The strength of the pound took the gloss off the results. pinning back third quarterm. pre-tax profits to £385 million. a 3 per cent rise on last year. After nine months, SB has made pre-tax profits of 11:16 billion. This is a 5 per cent-increase on 1996, and equivalent to a 16 per cent improvement excluding currencies. SB's pharmaceuticals arm

increased quarterly profits by ignoring currencies. European sales grew by only 8 per cent, compared to 21 per cent in the US. Mr Leschly said the US healthcare system had recognised that new grugs were extremely cost-effective because they could reduce

other costs of looking after sive new drugs; "It's a very short-term view," he said: That will change over time." Strong sales of Aquafresh

toothpaste (up 28 per cent at £79 million) and of the Nicoderm and Nicorette antismoking products enabled SB's consumer healthcare di-vision to increase profits by 18 per cent to £119 million. Clini-

cal Laboratories, the US medical testing business, improved profits by 26 per cent to £24 million - the result of improved efficiency, Mr Leschly

SB is involved in several class actions in the US being brought against Fastin and other similar dieting drugs that have recently been linked to heart valve problems. Mr Leschly said that Fastin had sales of only £3.75 million. He had no news on the

much larger legal claim being brought against Clinical Laboratories in a dispute about overcharging. SB is contesting A UWO-O 2.205p a share will be paid on

conventional dividend of 0.98p and a foreign income dividend Mr Leschly said that SB is

up against tough comparisons in the final quarter of the year, but pledged: "We will still deliver double-digit earnings per share growth."



Jan Leschly, SB chief executive: feeling chullient

#### **American** boost for Wolseley

AMERICAN plumbers and builders dominated the fullyear results announced yesterday by Wolseley, the international building materials distributor.

Wolseley saw an 8.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £264.2 million in the year to July 31. The company said that the strong pound had reduced profits by £11.3 million.

US distribution busines contributed more than 50 per cent of trading profits, accounting for £133 million of the £264.4 million total.

John Young, chief executive, highlighted tremendous organic growth" at Ferguson, Wolseley's biggest US com-pany, but said the growth rate might be difficult to sustain.
The European distribution

arm's profits rose 0.7 per cent to £98.5 million amid tough continental markets and the patchiness of the UK recovery. Wolselev expects better perfo mance in the UK this year. Profits dipped 2 per cent at

the manufacturing arm and Wolseley admitted its photographic supplies businesses were being hit by the rapid advances in digital cameras. A final dividend of \$.1p

(7.25p) will be paid on January 30, 1998, making a total of 11.4p per share (10.35p).

### **Body Shop takes** charge in France

By Sarah Cunningham

THE BODY SHOP is taking direct control of its loss-making French business in an attempt to end a simmering row with its local franchisees. who allege that they have received poor support from the "green" toiletries and cosmetics company.

The complaints range from inadequate supplies and labelling to the imposition of overly high retail prices. The Body Shop said yester-

day that it has given up its sixmonth search for a French head franchisee to replace GW Management, the British company that has run the French business for the past seven years and which has been the focus of the subfranchisees discontent.

Two of the franchisees, who

have now gone out of business, have lost legal cases brought against GW Hold-ings in the French courts. Two further cases against GW Holdings are pending. The Body Shop Itself will

take over running the French business from the beginning of next month. No money will change hands between The Body Shop and GW Manage-

"We are now hoping to improve relations with the French franchisees," a Body Shop spokeswoman said. "We want to be able to get supplies to them more quickly, fit new systems, perhaps put our new shop designs into the Paris stores and appoint a French general manager as quickly as

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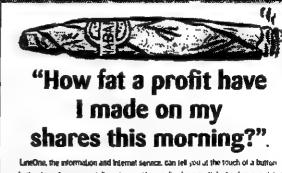
has paid £5.8 million to buy 57 7-Eleven convenience stores from Jardine Matheson, the conglomerate based in Hong Kong. The deal sent Budgens shares up 3p to a record 532p (Sarah

Cumingham writes). The stores are currently run under licence from Southland Corporation of

the US. The licence will run out in April next year, by which time the stores will Spreckelsen, chief executive of Budgens. said that a name for the stores has not yet

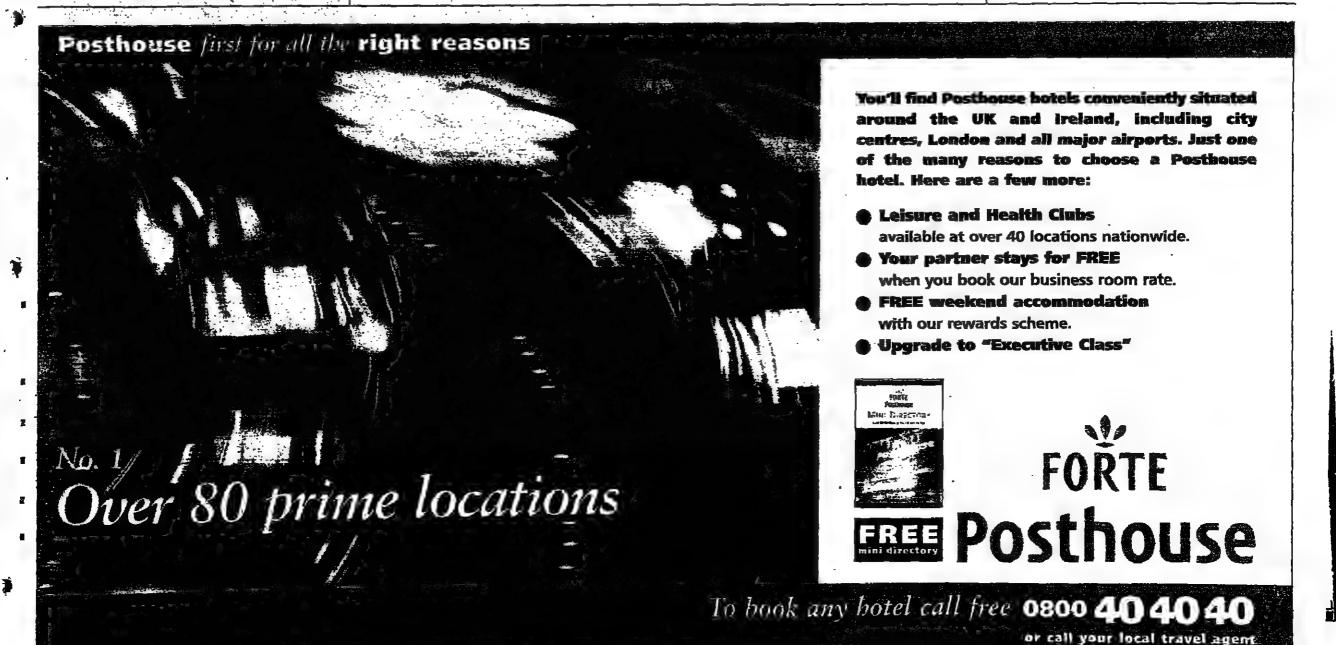
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He said that Budgens, which has 117 branches, wants to further expand its convenience store operations as well as continue with the planned expansion of its chain of petrol forecourt stores and its



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### Sets increases volatility among blue-chip shares

emerge that Sets, the new order-driven trading system. is increasing volatility among blue-chip shares.

Word is that the London Stock Exchange is also coming under intense pressure to provide a central settlement system to cope with the expected

surge in trading volume. One matter that did emerge from recent dress rehearsals was the amount of time being taken up by retail brokers in processing transactions. The purchase or sale of large lines of stock under the new system of matching buyers with sellers can result in the broker being forced to arrange settlement with half a dozen different brokers. This takes time and pushes up costs.

There are also signs that the system will lead to sharp, unexpected price movements. That was the case with Bank of Scotland yesterday when the system kicked in at the start of trading. There was a long queue of buyers at one end of the screen, but no sellers ready to offer stock at the other. The result was a 21p rise in the price to 540p after briefly touching 545p.

Share prices generally enjoyed a better session, although they closed below their best of the day. Having opened almost 50 points higher, the FTSE 100 index showed signs of running out of steam towards the close.

This was in spite of a 100point raily by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York last night. The index in London closed 14.9 up at 5,225.9, with turnover sharply up on Monday's depressed levels at the launch of Sets. A total of 730 million shares had

changed hands by the close. Royal Bank of Scotland failed to make the most of an engerly awaited presentation. pany was positive about prospects, but unable to fuel further gains after the recent

strong run by the shares. ICI was 22p firmer at at 949 in spire of talk of a profit downgrading by Oresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker. before third-quarter results tomorrow. NatWest Markets expects pre-tax profits to plunge from £313 million to

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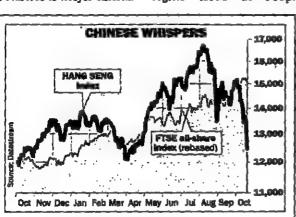
Alan Peterson, left, and John Dobby, of Meyer International

owner of Madame Tussaud's, firmed 3p to 820p after a presentation on Monday on the situation at Penguin

Harrison & Crosfield, 3p better at 134 p, has confirmed the sale of its builders' supplies arm and details of a proposed £359 million cash handback to shareholders. It is pressing ahead with the sale of Harcros to Meyer Interna-

tional for £318 million. The money will be used to pay a special dividend of at least 50p a share. Other disposals are also planned.

Meyer, of which John Dobby is chief executive and Alan Peterson chief operating officer, was down 10'2p to 400p. The company intends to fund the acquisition of Harcros with a one-for-four rights issue at 360p.



chip companies in London with a big Far East exposure. Overnight the Hang Seng index tumbled 567 points, to 12,403.1.

. The losers included Standard Chartered, down 22p at 746p. Cable & Wireless. down 16p to 517p, HSBC, down 61p to £18.55, and Blue Investors in the former

Circle, down 12p to 376p. British colony fear that the Hong Kong dollar will come under pressure, and that this will lead to a rise in interest rates. So far, the

YET another sharp fall in HK dollar has proved imshare prices overnight in mune to the speculative ah, and the Filipino peso. Jonathan Compton, who

follows events in the former colony for Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, says that there is reason to be concerned, but he is optimistic about the outcome. Hong Kong investors have seen their currency

sold down to nothing many know what is at stake. "If they don't sit tight, they are dead. I think they know

that," Mr Compton said.

Greenalls, the pub chai leisure group, failed to press brokers on Mo with the price dropping 368 p. Last month the admitted it had taken i off the ball after the at tion of Boddingtons' a years ago and that pwould suffer. This time spoken of the difficult achieving adequate rat return from its investm pubs. Société Géa Strauss Turnbull says

shares are a "sell". Lehman Brothers, th securities house, is the la take a negative view of pects for TI Group, dow at 608p. It has downgrad recommendation for shares to a "sell" after a similar move by Dresdner

Kleinwort Benson BICC touched a low for the day of 179p before rallying to close 6p down on the day at 1864 p. Merrill Lynch has downgraded the shares to a "sell". A profits warning took its toll at Betacom, down 7p to

A decision by one director to shares in the company lifted Primesight, the advertising agency, 12p to 1375 p. Robin Black, a non-executive direc-tor, has bought 20,000 shares

Pizza Express again lost ground finishing 21p off at 799p as directors continued selling shares in the company. In the past few days a group of them, including Luke Johnson, chairman, have sold a total of 618,000 shares. ☐ GILT-EDGED: It was a

day of consolidation in the bond market after Monday's shake-out that stemmed from the uncertainty over the date of Britain's entry into the single European currency. Prices traded in narrow limits for much of the day

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### Meyer at number one

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operating profit, suggests that stock is finally moving at your local builders' merchant. The sale of Harcros went to three bidding stages. an indication that Meyer International was not negotiating a quiet deal on the side.

Builders' merchants have seen lousy margins, oversupply, and weak demand for years. Half of the market was controlled by five companies. Travis Perkins, Meyer, Harcros, Wolseley and Travis Perkins, Meyer, Harcros, Wolseley and CRH, owner of the struggling Keyline chain. Over the past two years, the leaders have succeeded in adding a few market share points only buying small family businesses. But yesterday's deal, propels Meyer into number one position with 18 per cent of the market.

Meyer has probably overpaid for Harcros, but it had little choice. The price looks worse on the pitiful 2-3 per cent operating margin

THE price paid for Harcros, some 28 times earned by Harcros last year, but there is no reason Harries should not be able to earn a 5 per cent return on sales and double its profits. Economies of scale in purchasing and better stock control should reap saving and Travis Perkins, Meyer's arch-rival is already achieving operating margins of 7 to 8 per cent.

The Meyer share price may sag over the

next month or two as the new shares are absorbed, but that should offer a buying opportunity. Potentially more interesting will be the strategy pursued elsewhere. Wolselely may have been disappointed at the loss of an opportunity to add to its Builder Centres while CRH, the Irish building materials group is keen to find a way of growing Keyline Graham Group is the only mediumsized quoted builders' merchant left and is not likely to remain independent for long.

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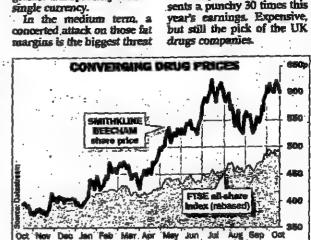
any to resist such pressure. The 608p share price repre-

sents a punchy 30 times this

IT IS hard to fault Smith-Kline Beecham at the moment. Sales and profits are growing at an enormous-lick, with barely any help from higher prices. Sales of drugs launched within the past five years are up 41 per cent, both in the last quarter and in the year to date.

SB's drugs are doing much better in the US. American sales were 2i per cent ahead. with big money spinners such as Paul and Augmentin, while European sales rose a more modest 8 per cent. As the company sees it, the US has spotted the savings to be gained from drugs that can reduce hospital stays and the need for follow-up treatment. Europe, it believes, will soon

So far there is little sign of it. Greece yesterday joined Spain and Italy in taking a



tough line on drug pricing faced by the pharmaceutical Cap Gernini, the consultants, companies. However, SB.

#### Harrisons & Crosfield

HARRISONS & Crosfield has decided to speed up its decline by becoming its own official receiver. As previously an-nounced, the builders' merchants are to be sold; food and agriculture will follow and, in the meantime, the entire proceeds, some £360 million, will be returned to shareholders.

Having seen no sustained growth in their investment for ten years, the Harrisons shareholders will be grateful to get some of the capital back. but the question is whether the balance of the investment is worth retaining. The core operations are to be pared down to a few chemicals leaving things to go wrong but little opportunity for growth.

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companies - are building chrome plants, leaving Harrisons a huge 30 per cent share of the market. Better management could turn chemicals into a cash cow. However, chrome and pig-ment sales will track growth in the wider economy and the former is under threat from. environment-friendly alter-natives. Harrisons needs a new business and is in discussions over a big chemicals deal but to invest now would be to take too much on faith.

#### Fortune Oil

WHAT do you make of this? Fortune Oil is paying a Chinese company \$1 million for the privilege of securing a stake in a joint venture called Wealthy Come which controis another joint venture which owns one petrol station in Northern China.

Apparently, Fortune's partner - the beneficiary of the \$1 million payment - has an angle on a petrol retailing licence in an important Chi-

nese city. Could it be Beijing? Fortune is keeping mum. Someone will make a fortune selling petrol to Chinese drivers but it is unlikely to be the eponymous Fortune Oil which owns II petrol stations and has yet to make more than a marginal return on sales at the pump. Fortune has not been in the business long but the worry is in the peculiarities of doing business in the People's Republic. Fortune is far short of its target of 25 stations because business opportunities depend on access to govern-ment permits and access to those who have access to govemment permits. Even Fortune's aviation fuel venture, announced in July and funded by a £23 million cash call, is slowing down, due to a bi-

mental audit. Fortune is issuing more shares to finance Wealthy Come. It might as well be Wealthy Go.

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### Brown needs to act for the sake of business

the nation lives in hope of the body politic returning to something like normality. We are promised that Gordon Brown will soon make an unequivocal statement to Parliament on his single currency policy. The current witch-hunt against spin doctors (brought entirely upon themselves) will die down and attention will revert to the ministers who were elected in May and who are supposed to be running the country. Then, perhaps, Brit-ain can start thinking rationally about what life outside economic and monetary union is going to be like for the next five years.

Any cost benefit analysis for business is difficult because of the great unknowns ahead. Primarily, but not exclusively, these are macroeconomic. Nobody knows whether the collective jump into the abyss called economic and monetary union will be a success. Will Europe be a dellationary unemployment black spot, con-trolled by an inflation-obsessed European Central Bank and without the political will to embrace

sources of uncompetitiveness? Or will EMU act as a catalyst for greater growth through structural reform, for deepening the single market, for the creation of superefficient conglomerates, and for price transparency that will benefit consumers? Nobody knows how the EMU-zone will develop.

Outside the zone, Britain may have a cripplingly overvalued exchange rate and high interest rates at times, Inside, it loses its economic sovereignty and flexibility forever. But it is important for business to move on from these ideological debates to how to react to the euro when it comes. Even with the possibility of

joining the euro dangled ominously in front of them, British companies have been extremely reluctant to invest in the new systems and managerial time needed to prepare. Barclays

flexibility and tackle Europe's Bank's latest survey of British firms who already do business on the continent showed that 65 per cent had done nothing to prepare and, of these, 60 per cent had no intention of doing anything. This appalling lack of foresight understandable though it is because of the huge costs involved will now become more

> Another risk for British business of staying out is that Europe has already started a process of building cross-border husinesses with the promise of great economies of scale. British firms are unlikely to be the favoured candidates for takeover or merger. David Owen, of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. believes that the euro-zone will offer much stiffer competition to British firms than in the past. At least within the zone some of our horribly backward engineering



decent price per share in a takeover. Outside the zone, these

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companies will simply fail. The greatest fear of business is that the euro-club will increasingly make policy which discriminates against those outside. In this context the British Chambers of Commerce and the CBI have this week been clinging desperately to the hope that Mr Brown will emphasise the Government's posi-

the future. Although this introduces yet more uncertainty, it is important to go on making positive noises about the euro in principle and keep hostility from the "ins" at bay.

Now that the Government has

made its decision on Europe - at least for this Parliament — the time has come for a hard-headed look at how to maximise Britain's advantages and minimise its disadvantages. One potential negative is an overvalued, volatile currency that makes it difficult for business to plan. Some, including Andrew Sentance, of the London Business School, suggest that Britain should put its understandable prejudices to one side and sign up to an ERM II with wide enough bands to keep some exchange rate flexibility. The theoretical beauty of this idea is that Britain would reassure its European parmers that it would

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But he says that if the three

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Meanwhile, an ageing chunk of the British nuclear

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ation. As a Maastricht treaty condition of entry into a single currency, it would also act as a positive statement of intent. It would probably be enough to head off discrimination against Britain by the "ins" and ensure that, if Britain ever decided to join the euro, it would not be on penal terms. Plainly, this would be difficult to

sell to the electorate. But Mr Brown could be doing other things during the period of stability that he now says he wants for Britain after 1999. An analysis of trade flows by Mr Owen finds that Britain has a comparative advantage in services, particularly financial and business services, and in those areas of manufacturing that tend to rely on a high degree of scientific innovation such as telecommunications, pharmaceuticals and computers. Britain is comparatively weak in lower value added manufacturing, notably most engi-

neering businesses. Mr Owen suggests that the Chancellor could improve the odds in Britain's favour by a concerted policy programme improving the competitive potential of those areas where our strength lies. In or out or the euro-zone, this would help British businesses to be winners rather than losers from the single market. He could, for example, introduce research and development tax credits, spend more on education and announce further cuts in corporation tax rates in the transitional period ahead.

The Conservative Party would be bound to campaign against picking winners" and "old-fashioned Labour interventionism". But Mr Brown has a duty to ensure that EMU is good for Britain as long as it stays out and good for Britain if it ever joins. With a thumping great parliamentary majority, he has the mandate to do whatever he sees fit. Business may not know where exactly it stands on EMU, but at least the Government would be managing the uncertainty to their advantage.

# RJB must play a red-hot poker game to salvage its coal mines

Despite pit closures the future for

mining is not

all black, says Martin Waller

There is a frequent joke in children's cartoons that has a character and then treading happily in mid-air until he or she looks down, notices for the first time the lack of any support - and plunges to the ground.

Some share prices act in exactly the same fashion, trading for months or years at values that have no justification in the real world until the City, collectively, looks down, and they plummet. Yester day's tumble for RJB Mining shares may have been prompt ed by a research note from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson that switched from advising advising a sale. But there was little in the note that the market should not aiready have known, even if it took a worst-case view of the uncertainties affecting the company. The March 31 deadline that

the company faces for the renegotiation of three quarters of its supply contracts to the power generators has been in the diary since before RJB was floated on the stock market even in 1993. Those contracts were brokered by the last Government between the generators and British Coal on terms sufficiently attractive to ensure the latter's successful sale, even at the expense of

electricity prices. They were so-called take-orpay contracts by which the power industry had to take 28 million tonnes of coal a year, the majority of RJB's output, whether or not there was enough demand for electricity. to require the coal to be burned, and to pay for the stuff

come what may. Now, with a competitive market in electricity looming. most of British Coal in the hands of RJB and a new Government in power, the rules have changed. There may be a piquant irony in



Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB, will have to play a clever hand in negotiations with power generators

chief executive and epitome of the go-getting Thatcherite entreoreneur, asking Labour to tilt the playing field against the barning of gas because this would gain his company more attractive terms from the generators and higher profits. There may be an equal irony in that same Labour Government using robust free-market principles to justify a refusal to come to the help of the coal mines - and what remains of the National Union of Miners. which was once dubbed "the Coldstream Guards of the

Labour movement". But these ironies still leave. Mr Budge playing a game of poker with the main generators, National Power, Power-Gen and Energy Group, a new player in the industry which contains about 12 per cent of the country's generating ca-pacity, along with its biggest electricity distributor, former-

pound and the depressed marcet for coal internationally mean imported fuel is available at 110p to 115p for the amount required to produce a gigajoule of power, the normal benchmark. Whatever happens to sterling, the world market will stay flat because reduced demand from the now deflated Asian "tiger econo-

mies" will see to that. RIB can pall the stuff out of the ground at something approaching 120p a gigajoule and has to negotiate a price above this from the generators to run from next spring to make a profit. Mr Budge has some cards to play; particularly in the Midiands where his pits are near to existing generating plant and so have an inbuilt pricing advantage to the imported product.

Meanwhile, the power industry would gain no benefit from bankrupting his comly known as Eastern pany and causing widespread
The rules of the game are pit closures by being too
simple enough. The high tough. The world market for

coal could rise, sterling could fall, or the price of gas could go up. One day, years hence, the industry might again need those closed pits.

There is a parallel with retailers like Marks & Spencer, with a vested interest in allowing their suppliers to remain profitable - if only

harles Kernot at Paribas is the only analyst in the City who studies RJB in any depth and who still has the shares on his buy list, at a price of up to \$2 or more. He believes that after a couple of lean years the company should return to reasonable profits. "The generators know they have got to keep RJB in business to supply the coal, so they have to give it a 10 per

cent margin."
His profits model assumes Mr Budge achieves 125p a gigajoule next spring, which some might think optimistic. But he says that even if this price falls to 120p, some inbuilt falls in operating expenses would reduce the cost of production to nearer 110p a gigajoule, so offering RJB the necessary profit margin. That price will not be fixed for the entire duration of the new

upwards amendment each year if the market will bear it. As well as Asfordby, the one-time super-pit whose closure attracted unfavourable publicity in the summer, development at three other pits is being stupped. Therefore, these can be run for cash for the next 18 months before a decision has to be taken on closure. This, says Mr Kernot, gives RJB some leeway to ride

contracts, allowing for some

out the lean years. His own profits forecasts. however, see pre-tax carnings falling from £192 million this year and £118 million in 1998 to just £45 million in 1999 — on the basis of an unknown outcome to those price negotia-

#### Virtues of natural gas vehicles merit support from tax regime From the General Manager,

**BUSINESS LETTERS** 

British Gas Natural Gas Sir. Graham Searjeant's thoughts ("Improve our cars, don't bun them", October 16) are, as always, worthy of careful study. But he did not

need to squint into the rising sun for inspiration. Toyota's launch of a car operating on both electric and petrol power follows a steady growth in the quest for alternative fuels in which compressed natural gas (CNG) is emerging as first choice for a number of operators, combining practical performance with its credentials

as the cleanest fossil fuel. Factory-built CNG versions of Volvos and Vauxhalis have already been launched, while conversions by British Gas of Fords and Rovers are also in

Polluting emissions from vehicles in urban areas can and, indeed, are - being cut by natural gas vehicles, including buses, lorries and vans, as well as cars. Today, no fewer than 32 local authorities and 54 other organisations are operating natu-

nifty footwork before. He bought RJB out of his older brother's building company, AF Budge, shortly before the latter's collapse prompted a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry. He sold a chunk of his shareholding at 553p in July last year, pocketing a £1.2 million profit, a price that few expect the shares to Whatever the outcome of

negotiations with the generators, the worst may not be over for the shares. There are currently five big City institutions with substantial holdings in RJB of between 6 and 8 per cent. Should the patience solely by its own congestion. If of one or more of these finally this is an example of what run out and substantial sales take place, the shares could be over the precipice again.

ral gas vehicles in their fleets.
The prime motive for most public service and commercial operators in looking at alternarives is environmental reducing air pollution, particularly in the urban street. But operating costs have to be broadly in line with petrol or diesel, or well-intentioned decisions cannot be justified to

ratepayers or shareholders. therefore, welcome Graham Searjeant's perceptive comment about the need for fiscal encouragement, as with the shift from leaded to unleaded petrol. Gas has received favourable treatment in three successive Budgets, and there is evidence of growing interest from potential users. We are looking for real market signals that would encourage further investment by industry in making vehicles and the refuelling infrastructure available Yours sincerely,

TOM GORMAN, General Manager, British Gas Natural Gas Vehicles, 17 London Road, Staines, Middlesex.

#### Jams are proof of neglect in transport policy

From Mr Harley Sherlock Sir, Graham Searjeant rightly buses ("Improve our cars, don't ban them", October 16). But pollution is not our only problem. It is now much more difficult to get around London, or to get goods delivered, than it was 30 years ago. This is a situation that does us no good environmentally, socially or economically, and it is brought about by the policy of successive governments to allow traffic to be controlled

Graham Searjeant means by "market forces", this London-

An absolute ban on cars is clearly not politically possible, but using them more rationally and bringing our public transport up to the standards of the rest of northern Europe cannot be delayed any longer. Yours faithfully, HARLEY SHERLOCK, Andrews Sherlock & Partners (Chartered Architects), 5 Cowcross Street,

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### Fools' gold

STRANGE dealings down on approach values them at business likes to think of itself as the friend of the dairy farmer and a bulwark against those money-grabbing ven-ture capitalists at Alchemy.

Those farmers should note that Genus's directors are not shy of a bit of money-making. themselves. They bought shares sold through the firm's clumsy dealing mechanism at a fraction of their current value: 62,000 last year at prices around 50p. Alchemy's



the farm. Genus, the cattle around 120p. Richard Wood, breeder, is refusing to discuss chief executive, and three otha tentative takeover offer. The er directors are also showing a nice profit on 215,000 share options priced at close to 50p. Wood says other shareholders were entitled to buy as well. But one fact remains: 50p was a good price for the directors to buy, but 120p seems too low for them to sell.

> • METAL BULLETIN has bought a 15 per cent stake in something called Lamp Technologies, which provides Internet services. A strangely low-tech name for a high-tech company. Shouldn't it be called something like Nexus, or Synchron, or even our old. friend Xaar? There was once a computer firm called Gandalf. which proves that old hippies tend to end up in computers. Then I learn that Lamp's founder is one Aladin. Abughazaleh.

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me - or running that little cheese shop in the Cotswolds. or writing that novel .... No. I'm not sure I can go on. It is all too awful, like one of those Bernie Cornfeld "do you sincerely want to be rich" come ons. It is, of course, Sir Peter Davis, of the Prudential.

Nothing about "in 30 years you could still be trying to extract a halfway decent living for your retirement. I quote from those commercials featuring Davis that broke new ground, showing the man behind the product, if you recall. Don't expect a rerun after yesbroadside from the SIB which does not spare the chief executive. In fact, you can just see a thin column of smoke burn the originals.

#### In the bunker GEORGE WESTROPP, the Deloitte & Touche partner re-

sponsible for the press, must be wondering if he is jinxed. When Coopers & Lybrand an-nounced plans to merge with Price Waterhouse, Westropp was at a conference on the Oriana off the Channel Islands. He even looked at chartering a helicopter to get back to where the action was. So where is he when KPMG announces its \$18 billion engagement with Ernst & Young? On a golf course in Deal. Perhaps Westropp could provide us with details of his future

BRITISH AIRWAYS' compulsion to divorce itself from anything remotely British finds no echo in France, it seems. Making a positively Gallic virtue of being - well, Gallic, Air France has turned to the actress Jeanne Moreau, who I seem to recall once modelled as the national symbol, to front a seductive TV contmercial. She husts: "Today, we are undertaking the world's largest, most difficult and most beautiful conquest: Yours." Consider me duly conquered.

### Bank error

REMEMBER Jürgen Schneider, the fugitive German who gave wigs a bad name? At his Frankfurt trial Schneider has admitted faking a DM29 million security for loans. He claims, ingeniously. that the banks must have gone along with his little characle because the bill was so "completely crazy" that a bank professional could not possibly have been decrived by it. Just don't try this defence in London, Herr Schneider.

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Schneider: bewigged fugitive

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Can a night of murder, mystery and shampoo attract a

new audience to the theatre? Daniel Rosenthal reports

₹or West End producers and their counterparts in subsidised theatre the question has long been: "How can we attract new and, in particular, younger audiences to our plays?" This year, their search for answers is taking some unprecedented turns.

Off stage, classic and contemporary dramas are being promoted with techniques barrowed from nightclubs and Hollywood: even the Royal Shakespeare Company has launched a poster campaign aimed, it seems, at lads of the most laddish persuasion. On stage, Ben Elton's Popcorn and Mark Ravenhill's Shopping and swing have persuaded thousands of twentysomethings to buy their first tickets on Shaftesbury Avenue. Now comes Scissor Happy, billed as "an entirely new theatrical experience", and squarely targeted at those who believe drama is stuffy and elitist.

Written by the Comedy Store stalwarts Neil Muliarkey, Lee Simpson and Steve Sweeney, Scissor Happy is a British version of Shear Madness, the 1980 "comedy whodunnit" which became America's longest-running non-musical stage show. The setting is a hairdressing salon, and the first scene involves conversations between two crimpers and three clients which culminate in the offstage murder of a concert planist whose incessant Rachmaninov practice has driven all five to distraction.

When a detective arrives. the audience is invited to "direct" a reconstruction of the opening exchanges. After the interval, stalls and circle can cross-examine the characters, arguing for their innocence or guilt. There may be a different culprit each night.

The Comedy Store trio may bring in Whose Line is It Anyway? fans. But Nica Burns, production director for Stoll Moss Theatres, the play's producers, has a wider constituency in her sights.

"One reason we invested in the show was to attract those people - and I've met plenty of them - who insist Theatre's boring!'. even though they've never seen a play," she says. That attitude, she believes, coupled with theatre's

middle-class image, represents as great a barrier to audience-building as competition from cheaper leisure alter-

natives, notably cinema. "Scissor Happy can help to counter this stuffy image. If you don't enjoy your first play, you can be put off for life. But the opportunity to join in the action in a relaxed atmosphere makes this an ideal first theatre experience.

Generating repeat business from theatre novices is one of Burns's main goals, which is where Popcorn comes in, Scissor Happy patrons can expect to receive a mailshot promoting Elton's comedy about a

> **6** Young people want plays that tackle issues to which they relate 9

Hollywood director held hostage by the murderers who blame his ultra-violent movies for their killing spree.

For six months it has been attracting young audiences to the Apollo Theatre, many of them for their first West End play. Shopping, Ravenhill's visceral portrait of urban degradation. drew a similar crowd and was so popular that it is coming back for an eightweek run at the Queen's from January 21. The two plays, says Burns, "smashed percep-tions of what Shaftesbury Avenue represents".

Stoll Moss research reveals the extent of their youth appeal, especially when set against Peter Whelan's The Herbal Bed, another fine and successful play written in 1996. but one whose Shakespearean setting was less obviously attractive to the under-30s. At a typical Poposm performance the proportion of the audience aged 25 to 34 was 42 per cent, for Shopping 39 per cent, for Herbal Bed 12 per cent. In the 19 to 24 age group the gap is even wider: Popcorn 17.5 per cent, Shopping 16 per cent, Herbal Bed 2 per cent.

Popcom's "brand aware-

seats for Shopping's two-week Playhouse run in September.

immune to the drive for new money back" guarantee. Bookings went up and nobody claimed the refund.

Now two "intro Nights" designed for people who have never been to the National are being planned for 1998. All seats in the three auditoriums would be available for just £5 or £7. Without sponsorship that would mean a loss - or, the National would argue, an investment — of up to £28,000.

he RSC's partial exodus from London in favour of five-week and Pivmouth has made audience development an urgent priority, prompting its first television advertising for many years (about £20,000 was spent on 20-second slots in News At Ten in the Tyne Tees and West Country regions). But more TV exposure has come, virtually free of charge. via electronic press kits. These pre-packaged blends of director and star interviews and dips have been part of Hollywood's publicity armoury for years, but are a first for the

"BBC and ITV regional programmes used the kits extensively," says the director of marketing, Stephen Brown-

the controversy about Ravenhill's title make both plays special cases. But, insists Burns, "their success proves young people aren't daunted by price if a play addresses issues to which they relate". Further evidence comes

from the West Yorkshire Playhouse. In April, its high-tech adaptation of lain Banks's novel, The Wasp Factory, was advertised with flyers designed to look like nightclub promotions, and ticketing out-lets were set up in Leeds record shops. The result? An unprecedented number of 18-25s turned out. Encouragingly, a sizeable proportion of those same Banks fans bought

The country's flagship subsidised companies are not audiences. The National is attempting to demolish the price barrier. When Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan travelled to Norwich in June, patrons were offered a "satisfaction or your

seasons in Newcastle



Bridget Armstrong prepares to pull in the first-time theatregoers in Scissor Happy, the new audience-participation show at the Duchess Theatre

ing. Their audiences contain thousands of people who haven't seen the company

A promotional tactic originally designed to hype block-buster movies is selling 400year-old tragedies in which could not have been written without the gary excesses of Nineties Hollywood, convinces cinemagoers that theatre might not be so boring after all. How's that for dramatic irony?

THE PLAYS THAT BRING IN YOUNGER AUDIENCES ... A WHICH London theatres are currently HOT TICKETS

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show her at work onstage and

chronicle her background, there is likely to be short

change somewhere. In her admirable determination to

avoid the plodding "and then,

and then" that clogs up many

one-person shows. Fergusson

left me wanting to know more about the Baker behind the

Part of the evening she is in

an old people's home, feistily

clinging on to her status as a

star but wishing she could

remember her visitors' names.

Part of it she spends in her

dressing room, signing souve-

nir photos with a rubber

stamp, pouring cheap Scotch

into an upmarket bottle, and grumbling to herself as she

prepares for an appearance

that clearly worries her more

than she admits. With reason,

Vaudeville ....

staging shows that attract the under-30s? Ben Elton's Popcorn (Apollo), David Rabe's Hurtyburty (Queen's), Patrick Marber's Closer (National), Shake-Using the available statistics, observation and anecdotal evidence we have comspeare's Othello (National), Ken Camppiled three lists. The first is of plays bell's Theatre Stories (National) which obviously have an appeal for second is of plays that have the potential on), virtually any show at the Royal to be marketed to attract this target Court Theatre

• POTENTIAL YOUTH APPEAL Beckett's Waiting for Godot (Old Vic). Priestley's An Inspector Calls (Garrick), Mallatratt's The Woman in Black (For-

d). Ibsen's An Enemy of the People (National), Arnold Wesker's Chips With Everything (National), David Hare's Provok d Wife (Old Vic)

Snoo Wilson's HRH (Playhouse), Hugh Whitemore's A Letter of Resignation (Comedy), Christie's The Mousetrap (St Martin's), Sophocles's Electra (Donmar Warehouse), Yasmina Reza's Art (Wyndham's), Tom Stoppard's The Invention of Love (National), Harley Granville Bark-

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# Encore for a tough old bird

She bends her knees, crouches and gives odd. slightly menacing wig-gles, as if preparing for a bare-knuckled bout with another Lancashire lass. Her voice jumps from backstreet Blackpool to London posh, turning the simple word "soon" into a three-diphthong journey

audience, often because of their produc

tion styles. The third list is of successful

plays which nevertheless appear to have little appeal for the younger audience.

Musicals, which largely cut across age barriers, have been excluded.

through spoof Belgravia.

She emits low, loopy chuck-les, as if one of the witches from Macbeth had mated with a tubercular Woody Woodpecker. Her tongue rolls out and turns tiny somersaults before disappearing back into her pursed mouth. You have to admit that Jean Fergusson's impersonation of the comedian Hylda Baker is

The one-woman play she has concocted from the Baker files. Baker recordings and Baker memories is entertaining stuff too, though it does suffer from some of the uncertainties of the genre. When you are trying simultaneously to evoke a performer's character.

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too. for she suffers a horrible moment when onstage. The already creased old face crumples in panic and pain as the words of one of her songs utterly elude her.

Fergusson gives us a por-trait of a tough old bird in decline, the more touching



because of her perfectionist

professionalism. She also of-ters plenty of Baker's trade-mark Malapropisms — "I was so excited I could have had a coronary trombonist" - and quite a lot of her humour. On feeling low: "I've been breath ing all day, and I don't think it elps." Of the London Underground: "Wouldn't it be awful if the driver missed the 'ole?" They are the sort of everyday remarks you hear on the bus, but raised to a new level of batty whimsy.

Her father, a comedian who died slowly but horribly of the after-effects of a bang on the head, was clearly the key influence. But what of her mother, six siblings, and the insatisfactory-sounding men in her life? It's true that Hylda Baker valued her work above all, seriously neglected her relationships, and ended up a lonely woman. You still feel there is a lot of her story waiting to be told.

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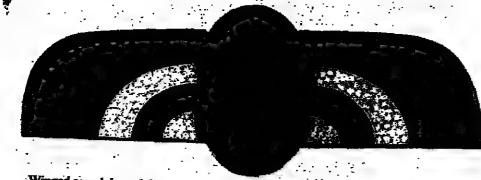
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### The dazzling Cartier show at the British Museum offers a potted history of 20th-century design, says John Russell Taylor



Winged scarab brooch incorporating Ancient Egyptian faience made for Cartier in 1924

# Mirror to the beau monde

tier" is intensely evoc-ative. But of what, precisely? Great riches, of course. Those diamonds that are reputed to be a girl's best friend. The Duchess of Windsor and her famous collection of trophies. And much more in the same vein. But art? Ah, there's the rub. All the usual associations of Cartier products suggest enormous wealth of course, but possibly, well, just the timest bit of

vulgarity as well.

If that is the view which the dazzling Cartier exhibition at the British Museum is meant to combat, it succeeds beyond all expectation. Not only is the validation right - you could hardly do much better for an exhibition than to have it first at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and then at the British Museum - but the about art. Only in the footnotes — on who owned what, and where and when they wore their prizes — is it about society and display.
The period covered is 1900-

1939, the heyday of the firm as a creative force. The company was actually founded in 1847. but it did not move into followed, and after it branches

makes clear is exactly why Cartier has never seemed to have much independent artistic standing. It is because the you mention Pabergé, Tiffany, Lalique, a clear image springs to mind. In fact, Fabergé had several related house styles (it

were taken up with art glass. But correct or not, the unifying image is there. With Cartier there is ation-building. But as far as purchasers are concerned an automatic identification with the ultimate in houry can

hardly do any harm. And the

Since Cartier, from its manufacturing beginnings, was stylistically a feather to each wind that blows, what we find ourselves receiving is little less than a potted history of 20thcentury design. Virtually every fashion that moulded the face and figure of the beau monde in the first half of the century is reflected. Not much of Forties austerity, to be sure, but Utility fewellery was hardly in

The first thing to stand out is what the catalogue tactfully calls "the Russian style". Since it was really in vogue between 1906 and 1918, it is not surprisng to find that this is really a polite way of saying imitation Faberge. Cartler's client list for the 1900s is virtually identical



Powder box and lipstick tube with lacquer plaques, 1927

all the same Russian nobies who were presumably buying such precious knick-knacks as carved animals and flowerpieces made up from semipieces were usually contained in small glass cases, Faberge's not, but otherwise it would be impossible to tell them

This phase of direct imitation was fairly short-lived, however. After the Russian revolution Cartier had for taken over Faberge's role in the fashionable world, and there were no real competitors

could have been so idle — Sir

Peter Maxwell Davies always

finds something in the nature

of the project to engage his interest and to stimulate

music with its own, in one way

or another, distinctive integri-

ty. In his latest work, first

performed by the Sottish Chamber Orchestra and SCO

Chorus with Maxwell Davies

himself in Glasgow and Edin-burgh last week, the distinc-

Given the subject and the

composer's adoptive Scottish

credentials, there was every

prospect that The Jacobite

Rising would be a passionate

or, at the very least, dramatic

score. Indeed, it was received

with such evident enthusiasm in the Queen's Hall concert

that one must conclude that it

does have something of that

kind of quality. But to an

From the opening chorus,

with words from Muir's

Dream and Thing both awk-

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tion is not so clear.

in their chosen field. Instead. there were outside events to trigger stylistic change. The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 was evidently one of these, though the exibition makes it clear that this only intensified something aiready in existence, right through from the large Franco-Egyp-tian exhibition at the Louvre in

In any case, exoticism was in. The colourful oriental extravaganzas in the repertory of the Diaghilev Ballet, first seen in Paris in 1910, helped to inspire Indian and Persian collections, and the number of fabulously rich Indian poten-

Diamond necklace in a platinum setting with 143-carat emerald, made 1931-37 tates among Cartier's customers also had something to do The most important pieces

and accord very closely with the tastes promulgated in the Paris Exposition des Arts Decoratifs of 1925, which encouraged greater simplicity of outline and subtlety of colour, the pale green character-istic of the fine jade used in so many Cartier pieces being a colour particularly lavoured,

in the Chinese or Japanese

cial relationship of Cartier influence (on clients and so, with diamonds is much in indirectly, on Cartier's pracevidence. A whole section of the show is devoted to the art and craft of deploying dia-For the "Treasures" audimonds to maximum effect. It is ence the Cartier show is a

clients come to the fore, from every step, not to mention the Barbara Hutton to Gioria many insights offered into the lives of the rich and famous. Swanson and even, belatedly, the Duchess of Windsor. if not necessarily the great and Those who are not totally in the good. But with its incredithrall to the material may well ble variety of material and its feel that the gossip value goes mass of documentation, it is up as the aesthetic interest something no one seriously declines. For what, really, can interested in the history of diamonds do except glitter and design can afford to miss. be gay? On the other hand, the Thirties do bring in also a

• Cartier is at the British Mu-seum (0171-636 1555) until Feb 1. £4.50, concs £3

must, with oohs and aahs at



Pair of love birds, 1910

IN AMERICA, where she has sold six million copies of her first album, Pieces of You, and graced the covers of Time and Rolling Stone magazines. Jewel Kilcher has long outgrown the intimate, coffeehouse environment in which her talent was nortured. Yet her music and presentational style remain every bit as straightforward and unvairnished as they have ever been.

On the opening night of a European tour, which will finish at the Shepherds Bush Empire on November 14, the blonde 23-year-old singer and songwriter from Alaska performed with a directness of expression that was at times disconcertingly intense.

Striding wordlessly on to the Bloomsbury stage, she strapped on one of the two acoustic guitars which, barring just one song, provided ent to her voice for the entire set. "Don't



walk too close/Don't breathe so soft/Don't talk so sweet/ Don't sing," she sang. Once the ice was broken

she became more chatty, prefacing certain songs with jokey recollections of traumatic performances in the past, such as the time she faced 1,000 kids in downtown Detroit high school who were expecting to see the rap act Jewell.

Her voice combined girlish insoucience with womanly wisdom as she negotiated lyrics which often led her to emotional extremes. But the lighter moments - such as Morning Song and an a cappella version of Cole Porter's Too Darn Hot - were inevitably eclipsed by the

darker side of her muse. "Gonna rip your heart out the way you did mine, Daddy/Go ahead and psychoanalyse that," she sang in Daddy, a song of uncontained, antipaternal fury. Even more powerful was

her performance of Foolish Games, the song which, after an unbelievable chart run of 48 weeks, still sits in the American Top Ten. Accompanied by a pianist, she sang it without the guitar round her neck, and her whole body became convulsed with distraught emotion. "In case you failed to see/This is my heart bleeding before you/This is me down on my knees," she

wailed. Perhaps on paper this all looks over the top, but it was hard not to be engulfed by the vortex of raw feeling that she

DAVID SINCLAIR

### **Tour of Jacobite duty**

sung, it seemed that the composer had this time found little to inspire a more than dutiful rendering of the task in hand. There is a relic of the old Max in a section based on Hey, Johnnie Cope, where he approaches the tune obliquely and as he gets to it, by way of an imaginative violin solo, allows disorder to break loose, with not so imaginatively marching feet in the chorus (Hey, Johnnie Cope, are ye wanking yet?") and different sections of the orchestra going

amused him at least. There are other striking passages, most of them of a reflective nature with brooding wind solos, some of them featuring a pair of hand horns of an antique warlike colour just about worth the problems involved in playing them. But such passages are mainly in the orchestral interludes. In

CONCERT SCO/Maxwell Davies Edinburgh:

soloists apparently on nothing more significant than a fairshares-for-all kind of basis, there is little that is illuminar-

that awarded to the four

ing and much that is frankly dreary. The probability is that the texts - compiled not by the composer but by Sir Alistair Grant (who commissioned the work) from Edwin Muir, Wilfred Owen and Sorley MacLean as well as 18thcentury and traditional

hereabouts that the big-name

sources — are too disparate to have stimulated the underlying consistency in style or atmosphere or musical language which could have made

the work a coherent and vital Maxwell Davies does, how

ever, know how to get the best from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra — which made amends for the unwise decision to expose its strings to Beethoven's Grosse Fuge without a conductor in the first half of the concert - and he commanded all due attention from the SCO Chorus and the four vocal soloists, Lysa Tyrell, Margaret McDonald, Neil Mackie, and David Wil-

GERALD LARNER



#### GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

THE ROCK-A-BEATS

based McGowan brothers, Craig, 16, Ray, 14, and Neil, 8, who claim to be the youngest tock notall band in the world.

Bit of a 1950s nam for a young band, isn't it? That's the whole point. Despite their youth the Rocka-beats play rock'

n'roll from the classic era, which is how they have just landed

a gig supporting Bill Haley and the Comets.

Surely he's dead? Well, yes, but the band is still rocking. combined age 379 years, compared with 38 for the Rock-abeats. The world's oldest and youngest rock n'roll bands share the bill at Camden's Tennessee Club on Saturday.

Isn't eight a bit too young for all this? Neil, or "Little Red". is a confident young man. "I play lead guitar. I've been playing about six months and I had lessons so I know all the chords." Ray plays bass while Craig takes care of

How did they get started? "It's funny because Mum and Dad can't even play a triangle, but they love rock n'roll and we grew up listening to it. Eddie Cochrane and Gene Vincent are the best," says Ray.

Come on, isn't it all a bit of a stunt? Fraid not. They have already supported Marty Wilde and Aivin Stardust, appeared on BBC Television's Blue Peter, and their first album is out in December on Pollytone Records.

Won't they grow out of it? Tell that to the Comets.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON



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THEATRE GUIDE

ART. Ren Cook, Nigel Havers and Malcolm Story in this exceptionally interesting drama about thendship. white painting. Wendham's, Chering Cross Road, Wyndham's, Cheing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sal, 8p mats Wed, 3pm, Sal and Sun, 5pm BOY'S LIFE: 1988 play by the

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A DELICATE BALANCE Magge Smith, Elsen Atluts, Annette Croibe John Standing in welcome revival of Edward Afbee's haunting play concerning middle-class angel. Anthony Page directs.
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**NEW RELEASES** 

THE BLUE ANGEL Mariene District is cabaset single casts a spell over a stuff professor. Welcome revival of Josef von Stemberg's 1930 classic. Everymen (2) (0171-435 1525)

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HARD EIGHT (18) Gambling. blackmail end murder in Reno And first film from a name director, Paul Thomas Anderson With Philip Baker Hall, John Metro (0171-437 0757)

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A dally guide to arts and emerginment compiled by Marit Hargle

ol a 17th-century French luterist) are both new works. The final place. Rumoura Vision, charts the turbulent life of Arthur Rimbaud and was originally Dance Theese.

Gardiner Arts Centre, University of Sussex, Fairner (0273 685447), Tonight,

TODAY'S CHOICE

CANTERBURY: As the days draw in the internationally acclaimed tenor Phi Language pays a visit to the Carterbury Festival with a seasonally



Josephine Barstow sings Aida in Manchester

ouse full, returns only one seets available sets at all prioss

☐ GUYS AND DOLLS: The Clivier returns to 43 original shape for the revival of Richard Eyre's revival Euriterating

yzm, National (Olivier), South Benk, SE1 (0171-926 2252) Tonight-Set, 7 15pm; mets tomorrow and Sat, 2pm, in rep AN IDEAL HUSBAND Return of Li An IDEAL HUSBAND Faturi of Peter Half's cincyable production, brimful of deceptions. Staming Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and hate O'Mara as the svells troublemaker. Gleigud, Shahasbury Ava, W1 (0171-494 5055) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thur Sprn and Sat, 4pm

☐ JANE EYRE Shared Expension's touring production in London for 8 month. Poolsy Quesnel's mad Bertra seen as a dark after ego to Monica Dolan's June. The Young Vio, 65 The Cut, SE1 (0171-926 6363), Tue-Sat, 7 30pm; mats Tue. Thur and Sat, 2 30pm (2)

☐ A LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Educat Fox and Clare Higgins play Harold Microstan and Lady Dorothy in Hugh Whitemore's play about the sifects of the Proturns occurded Christopher Members stands

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Canterbury Cathedral (The Crypt) (01227 452853) Toright, 7 30pm.

MANCHESTER: Opera North's men tour touches down he

nd Famund Barham as Flat

week with a revival of Philip Provise's well-cast production of Alda (tongin

and Edmund Barrannas Verdi's tragic Guitano Caralla conducta Verdi's tragic Jale. Performances of Cos. Ian Julie on Thursday and Juliella Finday.

Palace Theatre, Oxford Street (0161-242 2503) All performances, 7.15pm (5)

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John Graham-Hail (standing), one of the many excellent performers in ENO's stirring From the House of the Dead

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### Gilt on all counts uplift at the heart of a work

ronically enough, Eng-lish National Opera's stirring new production of Janacek's gulag opera could almost be seen as a tribute to the recently departed general director, Dennis Marks. With more than 20 named roles, it is a piece that can only make its proper impact through an ensemble, and part of Marks's unfinished work - to be continued. one prays, by his successor was rebuilding the core en-semble on which ENO's reput-

ation has always rested. There were individual star performances in From the House of the Dead on Monday from members of company and guests already closely associated with it, but it was the cohesion of the whole, including the richly detailed

contribution from a chorus currently on top form, that made the evening so searing. For many years David Pountney's epically expres-

FEW operatic acts are harder to follow than Anja Silja's mesmeric impersonation of Emilia Marty. She had the voice, the poise and the intellectual insights for Janařek's ice princess who lived under one name or another for 337 years, which was about 300 too many, to judge from the trail of male destruction she left behind her. No wonder Nikolaus Lehnhoff built his Glyndebourne pro-

duction around her. Fortunately, Kristine Ciesinski, who takes over the role for Glyndebourne's touring arm, is expert in 20th-century opera and has already had some experience of this staging. She possesses a lot of Silja's cool Nordic looks, especially in the first act where she arrives in the law office of Dr Kolenaty (Jonathan Viera) as a Garbo lookalike in shades and a huge

Ciesinski finds Act II more difficult. Here Emilia emerges as the operatic diva, a cross between Turandot and

From the House

sionist, literally warts-and-all production has ruled the roost in this country. Tim Albery's reading is cooler in outline, no less detailed and just as harrowing - the beating and public humiliation of the newy arrived aristocratic prisoner, Goryanchikov (newcomer David Kempster, outstandingly good) is as unflinchingly handled as his relationship with Gail Pearson's touching Alyeya. The second act's camp theatricals marry welcome humour with a barely discernible sense of menace.

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Coliseum

Stewart Laing's claustrophobic grey set precludes any sense of the "outside" so powerfully suggested in Janácek's music and, placed right overal downstage, allows the closest duce that sense of spiritual

possible contact with the audience in the narrations by the three murderers, all faultiessly handled. Robert Brubaker, from New York City Opera, is Luka, a pathological brute but still "born of a mother"; John Daszak, a tenor who grows in stature with each new assumption, catches the wild mood swings of the deranged Skuratov, and the beauty and power of Andrew Shore's singing as Shishkov should not be underestimated.

There were many other vivid performances - Roberto Salvatori in the theatricals, Anthony Roden as the Old Prisoner, John Graham-Hall as Shapkin — and around them Paul Daniel and the orchestra lovingly recreated Janaček's weird sound-world. at once so jagged and so intensely lyrical, with the composer's compassion for these lower-depths losers riding

that on paper looks uncompromisingly gloomy. In which context, whoever

had the idea of performing Mark Anthony Turnage's Twice Through The Heart as a curtain-raiser deserves a medal. Apart from anything else this monodrama restores the gender balance — there are no women in the Janaceck - and the subject-matter of a wife imprisoned for killing her violent husband is neatly complementary. The combination of Jackie Kay's near-banaltake-it-or-leave it verse and Turnage's virtuoso writing for voice and 16-piece chamber orchestra results in a work of equal compassion and a touch

more anger.
It is magnificently sung by Susan Bickley, staged with subtle simplicity by Pattl Powell, and powerfully conducted by Nicholas Kok.

RODNEY MILNES

More thrill to the chill The strongly characterised supporting

Glyndebourne Adriana Lecouvreur, before bedding Baron Prus (an aristocratic performance from Robert Poulton) in her search for the vital papers which brought her to litigation in the first place. Janáček's score thickens and Clesinski has to put too much pressure on her voice.

The Makropulos Case

But in the final act she came right back into her own, as Emilia realises that her time is running out unless she gets unother fix of the elixir of life. Janáček

suddenly softens and shows sympathy for his Emilia, and Ciesinski, dressed to kili in a pseudo-Nazi uniform, gave her soprano full vibrancy and warmth. Anyone who has been around for threeand a-haif centuries is entitled to die in style, and Ciesinski does just that.

cast included old Janaček hands and new. Among the latter the French tenor-Christian Papis made a strong impresslon as Gregor, the latest man to be fascinated by Emilia's reptilian charms. Neil Jenkins wisely kept out of her way as the circumspect clerk in charge of the files and Nigel Douglas brought some fun to the tale of destruction as a doug diplomat who knew Emilia years ago under another name and in another place. Martin Andre emphasised the lyrical elements of a score that in other hands often sounds spiky and abrasive.

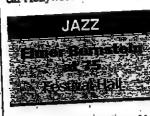
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Magnificent Seven roared back into view at the encore, guns blazing, but this birthday celebration was presented as more than a populist trawl through Elmer Bernstein's greatest hits, That is how it should be. He is, after all, one of the last links with an age when film music was treated as more than a form of Top 40 product placement.

There was, to be honest, a certain amount of padding in a programme in which he conducted the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Bernstein would probably be the first to admit that he is not quite in the same league as either his namesake, Leonard, or Erich Korngold, two artists who played both sides of the classial-Hollywood divide.



Neither the score from Hawaii nor The Sons of Katle Elder lingers long in the memory away from the big screen, and filmgoers are far less likely to remember Bernstein's settings for Ghostbusters than soul singer Ray Parker Jr's bouncy pop hit. Though the effusive programme notes tried valiantly to make a case for the likes of the bland comedy Three Amigos!, there was no escaping the impression that Bernstein's most distinctive work lay in the past by that stage in his long career.

That the concert did reveal was this for-₩ mer Juilliard student's facility both with Copiand-influenced formal. string arrangements and with the grittler idioms of say, The Man With The Golden Arm, a once-controversial Otto Preminger study of drug addiction which made such compelling use of a jazz big band. Bernn's undulating riffs and pungent brass produced as much visceral momentum as anything from the pen of Billy May.

Cynthia Millar's ondes Martenot contributed its characteristically ethereal tones to the extract from Heavy Metal. Earlier, the sprightly march from The Great Esca pe brought out the schoolboy in all of us as we pictured ourselves riding Steve McQueen's motorcycle. There was no shortage of light entertainment, either, in the stirring Max Steiner-ish anthems of The Ten Commandments, especially as it furnished an opening for Bernstein's anecdotes of life in the court of that latterday pharach, Cecii B. de Mille.

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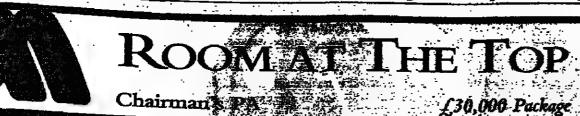
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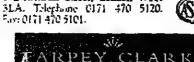
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arah Pugh's career is a success story. As the PA to the Principal of Lewisham College, southeast London.

she is not only a senior secretary working for "a role-model boss" but also runs a team of secretaries and works in an organisation that trains Ms Pugh. 38, is clearly top-notch

and an expert at working in teams. Never underestimate the amount of thinking time you need," is one of her golden rules. She has an impressive list of qualifications. She did a two-year course in the 1970s at Wolverhampton Polytechnic (now University) and came away with a degree in languages - French and commercial Russian - and learnt both French and English shorthand. She worked for a time in France, since she was unable to find a bilingual job in Britain, before returning to London to work for the French bank Paribas. She admits that she has never needed her Russian — so far.

She gave up work when she married and had children — two boys now aged ten and seven - and decided to ease her way back nearly four years ago by taking a temporary job at Lewisham College, near where she lives. Now she is permanent ment, is PA to the Principal and leads three teams: two internal and one

"When I started, numerous secre taries had come and gone and there were no systems in place. No filing had been done for eight years." She looked at what was needed and built a secretarial team to cope with the Susan MacDonald meets an expert

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work. She then designed a range of recruitment tests, created the office environment that was needed and developed a standards manual for

all college documentation. Some people feel their skills are not recognised, but her gifts for planning and organising were acknowledged to the extent that she found she was given more and more work to PAs are do. Ms Pugh, is now,

chairwoman of the PA group which meets now being alongside the League for Innovation, at which ten of the UK's most innovative colleges seek to tack-le problems in the further education sector. We meet on struc-tures and problems of different organisations

and suggest solutions. We exchange job descrip-tions and look at our different ways of doing things. PAs are now being taken seriously and consulted." In addition, she has set up a PA forum for Lewisham College which meets every half-term, and is also looking at the reorganisation of the way the

college secretaries work. Ms Pugh admits that this is the best job she has ever had. But how does she manage to cope with her different areas of work?

offering them work and study at the Communication and planning is absolutely vital," she says. "And you Dick Palmer, its director, says the

and invites recruitment agencies and employers to talk to the students. We want to respect their need to learn by giving them an environneed to encourage ideas and input. ment that respects them." Everyone likes to make a contribu-At 38, Jilly Mbimba-Brown is

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happens.
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personal development skills — there is more to e get help on finding quality jobs from recruitment agencies, the faculty job shop newspaper advertisements placed on the noticeboard," she being a secretary that says, "It would be good if we could do more than 16 hours a week, Students can choose a course to although we can use the computers suit them. They range from a one-

computer work play a big part.

Needless to say, Ms Pugh is invited to talk to the students. As we walk back across the campus she looks at my scrawly longhand disapprovingly "I believe that secretaries should always keep up their shorthand. It should be used for taking telephone messages and notes so that it doesn't slip. For the first part of my career I hardly used it, and now I need it all the time."





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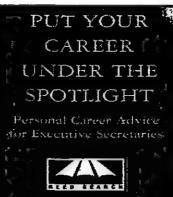
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Mr Potts, of course, accepted

that there could be sums due to a

member otherwise than in his

character of a member, for exam-

ole loans made by a member to the

company or sums due to a member

under a contract for the sale of

goods by the member to the

But he submitted that a claim

was maintained in the character of

a member where the claimant

sought to recover from the com-

pany the price which he had paid for his shares on the basis that

such shares were not worth what

they had been warranted or repre-

sented by the company to be worth.

Since the claimant who was induced to acquire his shares by subscription fell within the class of

those who were not allowed to compete with general creditors (In re Addlessone Linoleum Co ((1887) 37 Ch D 191) and Webb Distrib-

utors (Aust) Pty Ltd v State of Victoria ((1993) 11 ACSR 731), there

was no reason why a claimant who was induced to acquire his shares

by purchase, as opposed to allot-ment, should be in a different

in short, he submitted that a

sum was due to a person in his character as a member of a

company where it was due to him under the bundle of rights which

constituted his shares in the com-

pany or by reason of a warranty or

misrepresentation on the part of the company going to the characteristics or value of the shares which induced him to

position

### Membership base of claim

Soden and Another v British and Commonwealth Holdings plc (in administration) and Another

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann and Lord Hope of

Speeches October 161

A sum was due to a member of a company in his character of a member within section 74(2)(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 if the right to receive it was based on a cause of action founded on the statutory contract between the members and the company imposed by section the company imposed by second 14(1) of the Companies Art 1985 and such other provisions of the Art as conferred rights or imposed liabil-

Sums based on claims where membership, although an essential qualification for acquiring the claim, was not the foundation of the cause of action, fell outside section 74(2)(I). · ·

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by John Francis Soden and Peter Sheldon Padmore, administrators of a scheme of arrangement made between Atlantic Computers ple and its creditors under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985, against the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Peter Gibson) (The Times May 27, 1996; Gibson (1 ne 1 mes reay at 1 [1997] 2 WLR 200) dismissing their appeal against an order of Mr Justice Robert Walker (1995) 1 BCLC 686).

Having bought the whole issued share capital of Atlantic, the respondents to the appeal, British and Commonwealth Holdings plc, had discovered that the company was virtually worthless, Both Atlande and B&C were placed in administration. B&C, had

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brought the action against Atlantic That would be to enable B & C to and its directors claiming damages convert its position from that of a for negligent misrepresentation said to have induced the share

B&C also brought an action against Barclays de Zoeie Wedd Ltd claiming damages for breach of duty: BZW issued a third party notice claiming an indemnity, contribution or damages from

The administrators had then sought the determination of the court, inter alia, whether, if either action should succeed, the sums awarded as damages or contribu-tion would be debts owed to B & C in its "character of a member" of Atlantic within section 74(2)(f) so as to rank below the claims of other-

creditors. Mr Justice Robert Walker had BZW claim was subordinated to the claims of other creditors. The point before the House related to his decision on the B&C claim.

Mr Robin Petts, QC and Mr Dan Prentice for the admin-istrators; Mr William Sinbbs, QC and Miss Catherine Roberts for LORD. BROWNE-WIL-

KINSON said that Mr Potts had submitted that the basic principle applicable was that members of a company could take nothing until the outside creditors had been said in 6.00.

He had further submitted that in the present case there would be a manifest absurdity if B&C, as shareholder in its wholly owned subsidiary Atlantic, could circumvent that rule by claiming as damages sums quantified by reference to the weeth of the Atlantic damages sums quantified by reference to the worth of the Atlanticshares payable in respect of a misrepresentation leading to the

acquire those shares. His Lordship could not accept those submissions. Section 74(2)(f) required a distinction to be drawn due to a member in his character of a member "by way of dividends, profits or otherwise" and, on the other hand, sums due to a member otherwise than in his character as

In the absence of any other dication to the contrary, sums due in the character of a member had to be sums falling due under and by virtue of the statutory contract between the members and the company and the members inter se constituted by section 14(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

To the bundle of rights and

liabilities created by the memoran-dum and articles of the company given contractual force by section 14(1)| had to be added those rights and obligations of members conferred and imposed on members by the 1965 Act. For ease of reference his Lord-ship referred to the combined effect

of section 14 and the other rights and liabilities of members imposed

by the Companies Acts as "the Lewis and Another (as liqui-statutory contract". Lewis and Another (as liqui-dators of Prudential Build-

in the absence of any contrary lication sums due to a member in his character of a member were only those sums the right to which was based by way of cause of action on the statutory contract.

That construction accorded with principle. The principle was not ers come last": a member having a cause of aerion independent of the statutory contract was in no worse a position than any other creditor. The relevant principle was that

the rights of members qua mem-bers came last, that was, rights founded on the statutory contract were, as the price of limited liability, subordinated to the rights of creditors based on other legal causes of action. The rationale of the section was to ensure that the nights of members as such did not compete with the rights of the general body of creditors.

If that was the correct dividing line between sums due in the character of a member and those not so due, there was no room for including in the former class cases where membership, though an essential qualification for acquiring the claim, was not the founda tion of the cause of action.

Thus it was now clearly estab lished that directors' fees were not of a member even where the articles of the company required a director to hold a share qualifica-tion and provided for the remuneration of the directors.

had been held that a sum due in respect of damages payable for breach of contract or misrepresentation made by the comas opposed to the purchase, of its shares were held to be excluded by [legislation similar to section 74(2)(1)].

However, the reasoning in both those cases was dependent upon the protection of creditors from ect reductions of capital. That was relevant to cases of subscrip-tion for shares issued by the company but wholly irrelevant to purchases from third parties of already issued shares. The decisions in Addlessone and Webb did not apply to claims other than those relating to the issue of shares

by the company.
His Lordship was clearly of the ion that the sum if any due ro S&C was not due to it in its "character of a member" of Atlantic within section 74(2)(f). The claim stood on exactly the same footing as any other claim by B & C against Atlantic which was wholly unrelated to the shares in Lord Lloyd, Lord Steyn, Lord

Hoffmann and Lord Hope agreed. Solicitors: Cameron McKenna;

### Creditor was not preferred

to pay its debts as they become due from its own money, shall be

voidable as against the liquidator,

if - laj it is in favour of any creditor ... with a view to giving

that creditor ... a preference over

the other creditors; and (b) [the payment occurred within two

Mr W. J. Palmer, of the New

Zealand Bar, for the liquidators;

Mr P F. Whiteside, of the New

Zealand Bar, for the respondents,

LORD BROWNE-WIL-

KINSON, giving the judgment of the Board, said that in January and February 1989 Prudential had

been in financial difficulties, but

had continued to trade until Feb

Therefore, even if Mr Hyde had been required to wait for seven

days for repayment and also for a

further period in order to enable a

cheque drawn by Prudential itself to be cleared, that is, the period of

accelerated payment, he would have been repaid his deposits in

full before the application to wind

The basis of Mr Palmer's sub-

missions had been the argument which commended itself to the trial judge, that neither section 309 nor

winding up)."

ruary 21, 1959.

ing and Investment Society of Canterbury) v Hyde and Others

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson. Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Hutton Dudgment October 7

A payment made by a debtor with the intention of preferring a creditor was not unlawful as a voidable nreference under section 309 of the Companies Act 1955, of New creditor was not preferred.

The Privy Council so held in upholding the order of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand (Justice Thomas, Justice Blanchard and Justice Doogue) reversing the de-cision of Justice Holland ordering the respondents, the trustees in the estate of Bruce Russell Hyde. decresed, and a company in which he had invested, to pay \$75,059 to the liquidators of the Prudential Building and Investment Society of Canterbury.
On February 2, 1989 Mr Hyde's

brother-in-law, who was involved in the management of Prudential, had arranged for immediate repayment to Mr Hyde, by way of bank cheques, of deposits requir-ing seven days' notice of with-On February 23, 1989 an applica-

tion was filed to wind up Pruden-tial and the liquidators sought to recover the deposits regard to Mr Hyde as being voidable pref-erences within section 509 of the

Regina v Davies (Tarian John)

Before Lord Justice Judge, Mr Justice Butterfield and Judge Rant,

When non-consensual sexual

intercourse, whether vaginal or anal, was alleged, it had to be charged as rape, with, if appro-

buggery, and, unless rape was alleged and proved, a sentence

could not be imposed which re-flected the conclusion that the

victim was not consenting.
The Court of Appeal, Criminal

Division, so held in allowing an

appeal by Tarian John Davies against sentences imposed on January 8, 1997 by Judge Evans. QC, at Merthyr Tydill Crown

Court of four years detention in a young offender institution in re-

priate, an alternative count

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Section 309 of the 1955 Act provides: "Every ... payment made ... by any company unable

the New Zealand and English statutes from which it was derived made any reference to any require ment that the transaction carried creditor over the others should actually have operated so as to produce such a preference.

His Lordship said that the word "preference" in the phrase "preference over the other creditors" referred to giving priority to the payment of one creditor over

Lack of consent for sex

must be charged

spect of one count of buggery of a

girl aged 15, contrary to section 12(1) of the Sexual Offences Act

1956, and 21 days detention concur-

rent on each of three counts of

unlawful sexual intercourse, con-

trary to section 6(1) of the 1956 Act,

Mr Jeremy D. Jenkins, assigned

with the same girl.

to prove in the insolvency. The reference to "the" other

creditors had to be a reference to a group of creditors which could be ascertained at a specific time and the only possible time was the date of winding up. In the events which happened. the transaction under anack did

not give rise to any preference to Mr Hyde over the body of creditors entitled to prove in the liquidation if Prudential had gone into tiquidation during the period of accelerated payment. Mr Hyde in the event the body of creditors proving in the liquidation had not been adversely affected in any

Therefore, even if, as the judge had found, there had been an intention to prefer Mr Hyde's claims over those of the creditors in the liquidation, in fact no such preference transpired.

Was the existence of such an actual preference a requirement of section 309? At first sight it seemed obvious that the section had no ation where there had been

no actual preference. The effect of the section. If applied, was to require the preerred creditor to repay what he had received, the moneys recovered being applicable puri passu between the creditors in the liqui-

The underlying purpose was to ensure compliance with the basic principle of insolvency law, parl su distribution of the insolvent estate. If the creditor from whom repayment was sought had not in fact been preferred the whole rationale of the section dis-

The law of voidable, or as it used to be called fraudulent, preference was based on the common law as developed by Lord Mansfield, He stated the law in Alderson v

Temple ((1768) 4 Burt 2235). The basis of his principle was that an act had been done which in fact descared the equality between creditors in an insolvency. The intent of the debtor to produce such

a result was essential The first statutory intervention in the English law of voidable preference was contained in section 92 of the Bankruptcy Act 1869, which had been re-enacted in the same terms by subsequent Bankrupicy Acts.

In Sharp v Jackson (1899) AC 419) Lord Halsbury expressed an obiter dictum to the effect that an actual preference was required.

He then went on to express his Cairns in Butcher v Stead (1875) section 92 did not attempt a completely comprehensive state-ment of the old common law of provide a statutory code; the as they had at common law.

Those decisions demonstrated that the foundation of Mr Palmer's argument, that the omission from section 309 of any express require-ment that there should be an actual preference rendered it impossible to require such actual

preference, was not sound. If the statute did not purport to state the whole law comprehen-sively, the basic common law assumption that an actual preference was necessary, which Lord Mansfield plainly thought nec-essary, survived in the common

The progression was as follows. Lord Mansfield plainly treated an actual preference as a requireection 92 was not a comprehensive code regulating fraudulent preference but to the extent that it was silent on the rule standing.
The later statutory provisions,

both in England and New Zea-land, were simply re-enactments of section 92 and had therefore to receive the same construction.

of fraudulent preference which only applied where there had been

common sense of the matter. There was no reason to set aside a transaction so us to bring assets into the pool of assets available for distribution among creditors in the insolvency unless the transaction so set aside had in fact diminished the pool which would otherwise Solicitors: Moon Beever, Alan

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Regina v Parking Adjudicator. Ex parte Bexley London Borough Council

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Mr Justice Scott Baker so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 29 dismissing an application by Bexley London Borough Coun-cil for Judicial review of the Parking Adjudicator's decision that there had been no breach of paragraph 12 of the London Borough of Bexley (Off Street Parking HIS LORDSHIP said that para-

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it extended the ambit of the criminal law as section ! of the Vehicle Excise Registration Act 1994 only applied to vehicles without tax discs on a public road. It did not apply to off-street

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The question before the court was therefore whether it was appropriate for the appellant to be sentenced for rape, as he had never been convicted of rape and the question of consent had not been decided by a jury. As a matter of principle the answer was "No".

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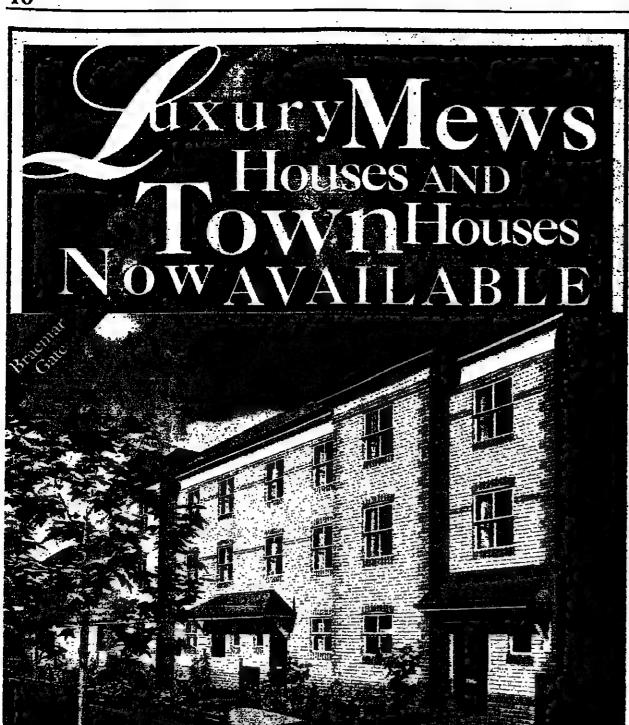
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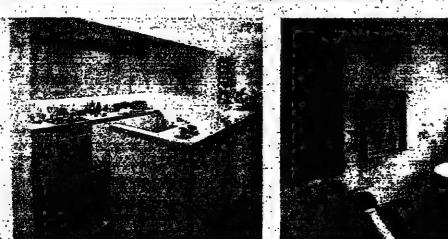
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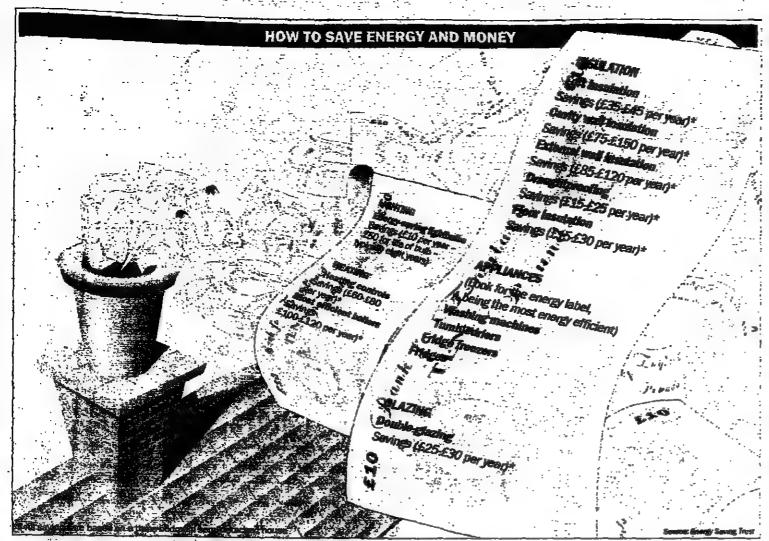
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inter looms, and with it the problem of warming our homes without overheating the budget. The statistics make alarming reading, with the average British home wasting EZ78 a year through draughty sash windows and badly insulated roofs.

In preparation, a new Govern-ment, keen to show its green credenti-als, is making this its Energy Effici-ency Week. Advertisements featuring the familiar "Einstein" character will again grace our screens. Their sim: to make cavity-wall insulation a hot topic among more than just the banner-wielding DIY enthusiasts.

For those wanting to improve their record, various discounts and cashback schemes are on offer this auturns. First stop to find out about these is the Energy Saving Trust (EST), which is managing Energy Efficiency Week. Included in its offers are oil-condensing boilers, Profit from this autumn's discounts and insulate your home, says Lois Letts

because many British homes are and industry have put their heads being heated by mefficient antiques. The EST is offering a £200 cash-back reward to install a condensing boiler; which should bring its cost down to about that of a traditional boiler. It is also offering a £4 discount on Philips Energy Saver lightbulbs at

participating retail stores.

Half the heat lost in an average home is out of the walls, and studies have shown that cavity wall insulation saves one quarter of the annual fuel bill, with the initial investment normally being recouped in five years. But, however good it looks on paper, the industry has faced hard times. Private domestic demands for the measure have slumped as fuel prices have eased.

To improve matters, government

advertising and management of the scheme, builders who belong to the Council for Energy Efficiency Development (Ceed) have agreed to a £100 discount of fixed prices for cavity-wall insulation until February

for a four-bedroom detached house. Ceed members will also throw in a £50 discount on loft insulation if bought at the same time. Most houses, even if they already have insulation, could do with a top-up. The over-sixties and those receiving low-income or disability benefit should investigate the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme, funded by the Environment Department. Its grants

next year. The price list runs from £399 for a mid-terrace house to £659 have a choice of draught-proofing, loft insulation or cavity-wall insula-tion. EAGA, which manages the grants, has details of individual

Finally, for the DIY enthusiast, the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales provides an excellent range of courses and publications on the subject. It is relatively easy, for instance, to install a solar panel (around £500), which should recoup its cost in three years. Hiring a professional to install one is expensive, at about £2,500, but the Government is looking to bring the cost down by initiating more training schemes for installers.

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For those building house an integrated package of A chergy-saving measures makes not only moral but also financial sense. One such buildan, who recently designed his family's three-bedroom home overlooking Laurie Lee's be-loved Slad Valley in Gloucestershire and used it as a testbed for state-of-the-art technology. Heatsaving measures ing costs for his 250 square metre home come to £160 a year - about a lifth of what a traditionally heated space might

cost. Lois Letts writes. "You could say, "Why bother? Fuel is as cheap now as it was before the oil crisis of the 1970s'," Mr Buchanan says. "But over the life of a new house, the

enstion may change. First look at location. Traditionally, homes were located in sheltered positions and faced south, it's something that was largely forgotten in the Industrial Revolution with the advent of mass housing. Most rooms in this house face south, and in the summer the heavy caves keep the house cool.

We decided on a timber-frame house because it is a sustainable material that heats up quickly." Mr Buchanan also went for large banks of triple-glazed windows, with argon gas trapped between each layer. These draw

How to cut heating bills by 80 per cent in a new building using energy-

the sun's warmth in an effect known as "passive solar gain". A heat-recovery system, which acts like a giant fan, also draws a continuous supply of warmed, fresh air into the house to maintain a pleasant atmosphere.

The large windows had their drawbacks. Mr Buchanan says: When we moved in, it was the nesting season for the carrion crow, and we discovered that the birds could see themselves in the windows. They do a lot of damage when they attack their reflections. Fortunately, they seem to have got used to them."

On the roof a solar panel was installed to heat half of the water for the kitchen and four bathrooms. That may sound extravagant, Mr Buchanan admits, but the bathrooms are grouped economically together. Americanstyle power showers are installed in three of them, so Mr

Buchanan was cajoled into adding one bath as a "vaguely decadent" concession to his teen-

The walls and loft floor are lined with a recycled newspaper product called Warmeel. As well as providing efficient insulation, this solved potential condensation problems. Other green measures include low-energy halo-gen-light fittings, a Swedish-built wood-burning stove on the open-plan first floor and an oilcondensing boiler. Rainwater is collected in tanks to irrigate the

garden. £100,000 to buy, and the build-ing work, all of which was con-tracted out, came to £180,000, of which about £10,000 (or 51 per cent) went on the heating and electricity systems.

"On a smaller house," Mr Buchanan says, "a percentage of the total cost would be higher. But much of that should be recouped swiftly through energy savings. The house is now worth about £350,000."

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● Last week's People & Property supplement omitted to mention Amanda Cuthbert's book. The Dreamer's Guide to Running Holiday Accommodation

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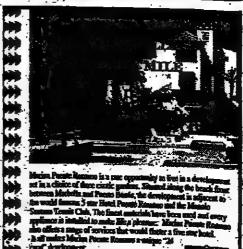
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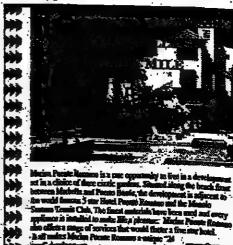
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# Wilson parts company with BBC

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN WILSON has decided to step down as BBC television's racing corres-pondent when his contract expires at the end of this year. His departure will come just a month after Sir Peter O'Sullevan completes his final BBC commentary at Newbury - and thereby signals the end of a distinctive era of racing coverage by the corporation. "I have greatly enjoyed my time with the BBC, but after 32 years I feel the time has come for a change of direction." Wilson, 57, said yesterday. "It

### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BRAMBLES WAY (5.40 Newcastle) Next best: Elakik (2.45 Yarmouth)

has been a privilege to be involved in such a fast-moving and revolutionary era in tele-vision and the golden age of programme making."

Wilson, who intends to concentrate on racehorse management and renew his journalistic career, added: "It has been an exciting time, but I have a strong desire to return to the world of the written word. The one ever-present colleague has been Sir Peter O'Sullevan. It will be sad to say 'Over to Peter' for the last

Significantly, his decision to leave the BBC follows changes in the production, style and content of its racing coverage in recent months. Behind the scenes. Malcolm Kemp was brought in to mastermind the racing output, while in front of camera Clare Balding and Willie Carson have joined Wilson as regular presenters.

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.20 CLOSE SHAVE.

2.10 Mount Holly 2.45 Behamları Melody.

3.15 Artf .



Mr Mulligan, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, reappears in the Desert Orchid Chase at Wincanton tomorrow

The changes in personnel and alterations in programme content followed strong criticism a year ago. Racecourses covered by the BBC let it be known they were unhappy with output considered to be revealed that three out of four armchair viewers preferred

Channel 4's coverage of the sport — and its presenters. Wilson, very much a tradi-tionalist, has told friends he did not feel totally at ease with some of the modifications, which may have contributed to his decision to step down. It remains to be seen whether the BBC will seek to replace

3.45 Toblersong . 4.20 CLOSE SHAVE (nep)

5.20 False.

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Assettable. 4.20 Close Shave.

2.10 RUBHAM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: 23,900; 1m 3yd) (14 runners)

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3.15 MARTHAM SELLING HANDICAP

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Wilson, but it is known that senior BBC figures hold John Francome, the former champion jumps jockey and Channel 4 pundit, in high regard.

Less than three months after taking over as chairman of the dated. Two subsequent polls Tote, Peter Jones gave racing an unpleasant surprise yesterday when he warned the sport not to expect the betting industry to provide extra funding for internationally low levels of prize money.

As a former president of the Racehorse Owners' Association and founder director of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), Jones was at the forefront of campaigns aimed at

GUIDE TO OUR HACECARD

3.45 MAUTEY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,532: 81 3yd) (7 runners)

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CLOSE SHAVE narrowly gets the vote over Jita.

1998: COURTSHIP 9-U A McGlood (8-15 lav) H Cool 9 mm

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5.20 THRIGBY HANDICAP (£3.996: 1m 2l 2lyd) (13 runners)

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4.20 WICKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES

4.50 WICKHAMPTON MADEN STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-0; £3,173; 71 3yd) (13 numers)

(Div I: 2-Y-0: £3,173: 7f 3yd) (13 runners)

gaining racing a large slice of beating revenue — but he appears to have undergone a dramatic conversion since succeeding Lord Wyan of Weeford on August 1.

"Betting needs greater margins, as well as turnover, to develop business," Jones said in Birmingham, where he opened the Bookmakers Show. With his former BHB colleagues and Peter Savill, in particular, apparently in mind, he added: "And the message this sends to certain people is that they don't really understand the investment necessary to keep these shops

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70 per cent of the business is on horse racing.

"So if bening shops drop out of business or don't invest in the right way it will be to the ultimate detriment of horse racing. Understandably, the owners wants to get more money back into horse racing but it can't look at bening shops and say we can get money out of them, it's just not there and it would be shortsighted if they tried."

The key point of his address was that betting shops must improve their appeal or risk losing customers to other areas of the competitive leisure

Goting: good 1. Stone Of Deatiny (K. Felicin, 11-10 tex; Terminesper's top rating); 2. The Boy John (4-1), 3, Fire Goddess (10-1) 9 ran, 3, 3, 8 Mechan. Tota; 21 90; C1 10, 21 50, C1.60, DF 52.50 Tric; 65.50, CSF: 55.48 2.00 (81 189)(1) 7. First Massier (A Whelen, 13-2); 2. Three Angels (5-1), 3. Pance Batelnool (11-4 tay), 9 nm 194, 11. Mass G. Kellewey, Toks: £5 9.5 £7 5.0, £2-40, £1.70. DF: £29.60, Talo: £35 70, CSF: £37.32

3.00 (im 11 149yd) 1, Ster Entry (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Homestlead (5-1 tary); 3, Royal Routette (8-1); 14 ran. NR: Undern's Lad 44, 3M. D Chappell Tote 25.50; 52.70, 52.10, 84.90 DF: 22.20 Thore 201 40, CSF C36.22, Trices 2.30 (6) 1, Third Cousen (5 Drowne, 14-1), 2, Bandbox (5-2 km); 3, Atlanta (8-1), 13 ran, 24), hd. M. Heston-Bits, Toler (16.80; 52.90, C.1.0, 24.50 DF 231.50 Tror £145.90 CSF; £46.49.

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4.00 (6) 1, Impulsive Decision (K Falon. 6-1); 2, Kethies Per (12-1); 3. Farme Tower (7-1). Critical Air (4th) 7-2 lav. 15 ran. 14.23. Marryn Meade. Tole 15 70. C1 80, C5.20. DE: 256.0. CSF. £77.7. Tho: £317.80 (pert won. Pool of £368.57 carned toward to Newcestle 4.10 lockey).
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Going: good (good to soft in places)
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3.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdis) 1. Vitamum (G hogan, 13-2); 2. Drakestone (7-1); 3. Country Minstret (33-1), Jetapens (4th) 5-4 fav 12 rain, Nn. 6. Mrs. J. Pétman Tote 57.30 °C; 90, °C; 90, °C 700 °D°. °C; 2.10. The E187.70 °CS°. \$45.55
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Going: good to firm (good in places)
2.20 (3m 21 total) 1, Spring Marathon (P
Henley, 6-1): 2, San Giorgia (7-4 tav), 3,
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### 5.10 MILBURN HEALTH FOODS MISTLETGE RD CLAIMING HANDICAP (DIV II. £2,346: 1m) (17)

6-1 Krazirita, 6-1 Birchmood Son. 7-1 Presso Ginger, Checoar. 8-1 Read, Patris, Sarcopel, 18-7 other:

### 5.40 NATURES STORE CONVERLEAN HANDICAP

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6-1 Fightog Times, 6-1 Up in Flames, 7-1 Lapu-Lapu, Scenars, 8-1 Stormless, Raindeu Quest, 10-1 Portin Sociae, Michadon, 12-1 Others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: L. Comerce, 5 memors from 18 numbers, 31.3%, M. Prencial, 8 from 33, 24.2%, A. Barley, 5 from 22, 72.7%, J. Slover, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M. Stocke, 11 from 59, 18 8%. JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 5 wiomers from 23 notes, 21,7%, G Hand, 7 from 35, 25,0%; J Wasses, 25 from 130, 19,2%; S Copp., 3 from 20, 15,0%; K Darley, 32 from 225, 14,2%

2.20 Lombardic, 2.55 Dames, 3.25 Dr Leunt, 3.55 Bell One, 4.30 Trouvalile, 5.00 Effectual.

NEWCASTLE

2.00 Love Academy. 2.35 Astrapi. 3.05 Knotty Hill. 3.35 Trojan Hero. 4.10 Southern Dominion. 4.40 Katie Komaite. 5.10 Chinour. 5.40 Lapu-Lapu. Newmarket Correspondent; 2.35 ASTRAPI (nap).

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GOING, GOOD TO FIRM

(2-Y-0. £3,225, 7f) (10)

DRAW. 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.35 ALHWICK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

5-2 Japanez, 3-1 Frand 4-1 Actings, 6-1 Sentrem Dial, 8-1 Karrier, Splendid, 12-1 Fact: Prod. 50-1 ones;

(2.5.503° DI) (20) 301 (5) DEGS DOUBLE BOUNCE 24 (60,5,0) P Males 7-9-13 302 (10) 2001 ALIBARSHYAH 7 (D,F,S) R Armshring 3-9-11-78 S Senties 88

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3.35 MILBURN KEALTH FOODS MISTLETOE RD

CLAIMING HANDICAP (Div I: 92,348: 1m) (17)

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3.05 DURANT OF DUNSTALL HEALTH FOOD HOLDINGS WHOLESALE HANDICAP (£3.859-61) (20)

2.00 EEF MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3.436: 6f) (13 runners)

GOING: GOOD

2.20 BOOKER FOODSERVICE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,337: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

### 2.55 KITSONS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,812: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

# 26-5 PERSIAN DAWN 29 (B) R Phillips 4-10-2 ..... A Magnetian D. Phir Gris ET WOLET 25 (0.5.5) R Smooge 10-10-1 ..... J Culinty 11 F-04 WESTERN PLAYBOY 66 (B) R Bates 5-10-0 ...... V Statesty

11-10 Dames, 5-1 Little Hooligan, 8-1 Nature Portected, 10-1 Parsint Divin, 12-1 Stapleton Lady, Western Playtoy, 14-1 My Harneck, 20-1 Others

3.25 BOOKER FOODSERVICE DUCHY OF CORNWALL CUP NOVICES CHASE (£4,280: 2m 6l 110yd) (7)

1 850- DR LEUNT 186 (S) P Hobbs 6-11-0 ...... R Durnwoody 2 PIP- MOORLOUGH BAY 185P (G) H Hove 7-11-0 M A Fizgerald 3 124/ RAPHAEL BOONE 524 (F) Miss V Wilkson 8-11-0 A DUP- SECRET BOJ 217 (F) R Almer 7-11-U ...... A Thornton 6 29-5 TOUR LEADER SO (F.B) R Buckler 8-11-U ..... B Powel 8 PP-2 TRAIL BOSS 23 (F) Mes H Woght 6-11-U .... J Cultry 7 UPO- MILLCROFT REBATTA 229 H Almer 5-10-12 . R Thornton (3) 7-4 Dr Leant, 11-4 Teal Boss, 4-1 Rapinel Bodine, 6-1 Secret Bid, 12-1 Took Leader, 16-1 Mildrorf Regista, 20-7 Monthough Bry.

Storm Newcastle: 200 Anvil, Stotley Mane 3 35 On The Green 4.10 Swintord Dream Yarmouth: 3.15 Monacle 4 20 Lady Rockstar 5 20 Magic Combination, Scarlet Crescent

### 3,55 KITSONS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,766: 2m 3f) (13)

1 4-24 SHANRANT CR (£F.CD.F) M Pips 5-12-0 A P MicCoy
2 3-5 The BOULD VIC 96 (D.F) Miss M Rowland 5-11-8 P Midgley (5)
3 300- BELL ONE 243 (C.F) A Dume 8-11-6 S MicCoy
4 F/1- OBJECTED STEPR 427 (F) P Hobbs 7-11-5 G Tombey
5 08-P SWING QUARTET 29 (C) N Trector-Devies 7-11-7 C Leavellyn
6 CS- BETSCHMORN BARD 217 (R) D Gendello 7-10-13 R Dumvool
7 90- YACHT 489 (F) A Newtombe 5-10-8 J R Rowlands
8 7-5 THE MINDER 13 (B.D.S) 6 Edwards 10-10-7 D Solber (5)
9 3-31 THE BREWES 20 (D.F) 3 (Data 5-10-4 R Bellamy
10 00-5 TOP SCOPER 9 (C.S.S) V Greenety 5-10-1 Mr J Resonance
11 58-6 GEN MIRRAE 13 (D.F.S) M Cometo 12-10-0 Mist M Commits
12 P-34 CROWIN AND CUSTION 14 (S) 1 Greenet 4-10-0 P Holley
13 0-P3 ARTIGUA'S TREASURE 13 A Barrow 6-10-0 Ne O MicRed (7)
7-7 Re Brewer 4-1 Stations 4 J Newtokenson 7-1 Missonance Mirrow 1-2 Series

### 4.30 BOOKER FOODSERVICE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,128: 2m 1(110yd) (11)

### 5.00 BOOKER CHEFS LARDER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,327: 2m 1( 110yd) (11)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: Miss H Knight, 34 minners from 104 nemers, 32.7%, D Essands, 7 from 23, 30.4%, O Sherwood, 5 from 18, 27.8%, M Pipu, 75 from 287–26.1%, A Duan, 6 Rom 28, 21.4% JOCKEYS R Dunerody, 33 writtes from 131 rides, 25 2%, J F Tabey, 9 from 37, 24 3%, A P McCoy, 26 from 117, 22 2%, P Holley, 12 from 50, 20.0%, J Culloty, 3 from 18, 16 7%; C Metude, 13 from 50, 16 3%

☐ Helissio, last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, is on the verge of being sold to Japan as a stallion. Helissio won eight of his 13 starts with total earnings of £1.3 million.

### **FIXTURES**

Kick-off 7:30 unless stated changes at the at match

GOUD A Parma v Borussa Dontmund (7.45) ..... Sparts Prague v Galatasaray (7.45) ..... Group B Group C Dinamo Kiev v Barcalona (7.45) . ..... PSV Einchoven v Newcastle (7.45) ......

European Cup

Group D Group E

Group F AS Monaco v Lierse SK (7 45) FA Certing Premiership Derby v Wimbledon (7.45)

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Deviction v AFC Newbury.
LIHLSPOIT LINITED COUNTY: LE
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Corby Yadey v Standard.
UNINET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First
division: Eastbourne Town v Mile Oct
Chichester v Selsey
MEDIUM COPHERS ALLIANCE: Support

NORTH WEST COLINTIES LEAGUE: Cup: TENNIS: Girobank Tour evens (in Taunton)

Beyern Munich v Parls SG (7 45) ... Besiktas v IFK Gothenburg (7.45) ...

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Boton (7.0); Pen Visie v Notis County (7.0),
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Halifax Town FC, 7.0) Group fota: Bury v
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Searborough (7.0)
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COUNTLETE MISSIC MELLENGE LEAGUE:
Premier division: Endelegh v Fastford,
Kintbury v Abrigdon, North Leigh v
Cerletton: Shortwood v Amondobury
ANNOTT INSTITUNCS NORTH LEAGUE:
First division: Jearow Floofing v Crook:
Shidon v Billinghem Town.
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgord v Bridgherier, Taunton v
Bernstagle
MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MEDLANDS
LEAGUE: O'Brien Butchers premier division: Buchers premier division: Michaels v Mitton
Keynes; Bedford v St Margaretsbury,
Toddorgton v Coddotses.
ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION
Premier division: Handrahan Timbers v
Cand Lloyd AFC
NORTH WEST COLINTIES LEAGUE: Cup:

sedworm SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle & Dun-thorne Cup: Hutne GS v Queen Elizabeth GS, Blackburn; Oswestry v King's, Chester OTHER SPORT

Devices

LEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brockenhurst v Bementon Heath,
Downton v AFC Newbury,
LIHLSPORT JINTED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Spalding v S and L
Corby Yadey v Standord.

LINUET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First
division: Festionine Town v Mile Only

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PRESS & JOURINAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Buckes Thiste v Lessenmuth (7 45); Eign v Peterhead; Frasermuth (7 45); Eign v Peterhead; Frasermuth v Cove (8 0); Neith v Devezorvale.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third qualifying round: Sheverings v Hoddeston; Fancidey Linted v Beckerith
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bronde & Turn.

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Man-chesier Gents v Watford Royals (7-30). Themes Valley Tigers v Crystal Pelace (8-0) SNOCKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth) SPEEDWAY: Croven Shield: Semi-final, final log: King's Lynn v Eastbourne (7-45) Young Shield: Semi-final, accord leg-Long Ealon v Edinburgh (7-45). Individual: 50th Seaton Blue Riband (at Pools, 7-30): Cesaris Classic (at Hull, 7-30) TERNINS: Gentland, Tor, sector (in Taurthon).

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return from retirement to run in next-month's Breeders' Cup Sprint at Hollywood Park.
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ROYAL APPLAUSE could aged by the paucity of top sprinters in the United States.

FOOTBALL: DALGLISH'S TEAM STAND ON THE VERGE OF UNLIKELY SUCCESS IN EUROPE

# Point could open door for Newcastle

IN EINDHOVEN

THE guide book gets straight to the point. "Eindhoven is a peculiar town," its very first sentence suggests of a place dominated by an oppressive concrete skyline. As an opening gambit, at least it is

There is also a peculiarity about the European Champions' League group C. It is peculiar that Newcastle United visit the Dutch city in a far stronger position than their opponents, PSV, Peculiar, too, that Barcelona travel to Kiev requiring victory merely to retain a real interest in the

Quite how Newcastle have got themselves in such a. position is most peculiar. Kenny Dalglish, the manager. spoke of a blip on Saturday after his side lost 41 away to Leeds United. It is increasingly apparent, though, that a magnificent victory over Barcelona was, in fact, the anomaly.

Dalglish knew back in

March, when his side was destroyed by AS Monaco, that he had to build a new defensive foundation at St James' Park and yet now, six months on with the same personnel, similar failings were finally exposed by Leeds. Before Saturday a creaking back four had somehow escaped a complete unmasking, but the second half against Barcelona and the first in Kiev, where unlikely draw, hinted at trouble ahead

Quite how Dalglish has failed to address his central defensive problems is the most peculiar of all. It is notable that only the continued excellence of Shay Given has kept Newcastle on track when goalkeeper is the only position that Daiglish recognised as a problem and subsequently acted

PSV enter this game under pressure, although Dalglish said yesterday: They could easily have had six points in the group because they are a



Tomasson, right, must fill the boots of Asprilla, pictured celebrating against Barcelona with the Dane. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

remains, however, that they have just one. Dutch football is in a state of flux because it has its own peculiar problems within its domestic league. While the national team has qualified for the World Cup finals as one of the outstanding teams and strong favourites, the club sides are becoming progressively weaker because of a damaging

The Dutch champions may

just turn out to be an ordinary side. If so, then what appeared the toughest of all the Champions' League groups could open invitingly for Newcastle. As Jon Dahi Tomasson. Newcastle's Danish forward, suggested yesterday: "If we

win in Holland we have a very real prospect of making the last eight." To do so without

the goalscoring talents of Alan Shearer or Faustino Asprilla would be a minor miracle. Asprilla's absence, in particular, will be keenly felt this evening as the defence, certain looks for a regular outlet.

In the Colombian's absence it appears that Keith Gillespie and Temur Ketshala offer the most obvious attacking threat. but Dalglish, always cautious, could be tempted to restrict both to the beach - a mistake

PSV have their all-Belgian

Freedman, who had been

initially signed on loan, scored

forward line of Nilis and De Bilde restored after injury and suspension, and they will pose a more obvious threat than

Tomasson at the other end. The question is, without the unavailable Pistone - Dalglish's only change to his defence — can Newcastle cope? One could not discover the answer in one of the manager's typically cautious He would not even disclose if

ly at the port ready to travel and, when asked if the Italian had a chance of playing, he replied: "He has a better

chance if he travels." That was the manager's only illuminating quote. Asked whether he thought that a draw would be a good better than a defeat — but not as good as a victory." Quite.

# No change of venue

er-manager, and his team were ready for a last-minute

They've had ten inches of snow in Tromso and they're

FEYENOORD 6/1

9/2...SHERINGHAM (M 5/1\_SOLSKJAER (M)

9/1....ORUZ (F) 9/1....VOS (F)

9/1\_BECKHAM (M)

WAN GASTEL (F) 14/1\_BUTT (M)

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we've been told they'll only call it off if there's more than two feet. There is undersoil heating and a plastic cover over the pitch. We won't really know what condition the pitch is in until they take that

"Our motto is that we must be ready to face anything, and we feel we're prepared for at us. We're bringing nylons, gioves, woolly hats and thermal underwear, everything we feel we might need. Cheisea have lost two play-

ers to injury over the past week, with Gustavo Poyet ruled out for the season after sustaining a snapped cruciate igament in training, and Graeme Le Saux injuring an elbow against Leicester City last Saturday

Dmitri Kharine, the goalreeper, who has not played first-team football since rupturing cruciate ligaments 13 months ago, has been added to the Chelsea party, while Jody Morris, the young midfield player, is also fit to join the squad of 22.

Gullit has been proclaiming game as his team prepare for further European action. "It is amazing how English football has developed," he said. "Now for all other competitions in the world. The good thing is that English football wanted to change without losing its own identity."

# Tanish in Maldini falls well short of expectations

ext Wednesday, in Moscow, poor Ces-are Maldini will be on the rack again, pounding the touchline, exhorting his Italy players. They meet Russia in the first leg of their World Cup play off and though having the home leg to come is perceived as an advantage, Russia in Moscow are a hard mut to crack. Maldini, a kind, decent,

genial man, should never have been subjected to such ressures. Second in command to Enzo Bearzot in two World Cups, one of them won, and the successful manager of the national under-21 team, he can hardly know what has hit him.

In retrospect, the win over England at Wembley in February was perhaps the worst thing that could have happened to him raising expectations and seeming to confirm that, after the sterile years of Arrigo Sacchi, he as the man to make Italian football flow again - no more 44-2, with stiffing offside tactics.

Against England in Rome be bowed to public pressure, put in the inexperienced striker, Inzaghi, and wasted Gianfranco Zola. Maldini insisted: "Gianfranco told me he didn't feel out of position. Inzaghi had a 40-degree temperature. Things fall apart." This time Maldini will have Roberto di Matteo, the Chelsea midfield player, who was suspended in Rome, and will surely deploy Zola up front. either Christian Vieri or Fabrizio Ravanelli, but

what can he get out of his demoralised

All over the coach cannot football world. know what the managet is a kind of idol, worshipped has hit him' when he wins,

The Italy

belaboured when he does not but in Italy it is even more so. Years ago, Beria Guttman, famous Hungarian manager, twice winner of Benfica, was sacked by Milan. They were leading Serie A but they had just lost next contract," he said bitterly, "I shall have a clause, not to be dismissed when the team is top of the league."

But if not Maldim, then who? The best known managers, Marcello Lippi, of Juventus, Fabio Capello whatever his present probkems at Milan — Gianni Trapattoni, of Bayern Munich, and Nevio Scala, in charge of Borussia Dortmund, either do not want to or cannot accept the pol-

Do managers make the

GLANVILLE

hade with victory



Overseas View

difference at club as well as international level? It is a moot point, but surely Valeri Lobanovski has done and is doing so again. "The Colonel" is the man who, in the 1970s, turned Dinamo Kiev and the Soviet side made up solely of its players into a tantial power.

Taking over the Soviet team again on the eve of the World Cup in Mexico in 1986, he drafted in several Kiev players. They routed Hungary in their first game, but were beaten 4-3 by Beigium in the second round. In Italy in 1990, it was hard for him to build on the remnants of the Kiev team, most of whose stars ely did himself, only to return last season to Dinamo Kiev and transform a team that has looked

formidable this season in the European Cup Champions' League. Lobanovski,

who has always highly scientific approach to

not manage the Ukraine team that now meets Croatia. in the play-offs. That role is filled by one of his former protégés, lisif Szabo, once a has led his lively young team shrewdly. But most of from Dinamo Kiev.

Across the world, in Arntina, Daniel Passarella, the former centre half and cantain of the side, has qualified his team, using a plethora of players, but failme to convince press or public. He swears he will bring back the prolific Gebriel Batistuta, of Fiorentina, for the finals, yet has perversely excluded him from qualifying games. This in a team that, last time out, could not even score at bome against Uruguay, who had already been climinated.



obstacle between him and the World Cup finals

### Strachan content with Coventry signing of Dougie Freedman. that decisions are made by the white wine and decide what the Crystal Palace striker.

GORDON STRACHAN has pledged his future to Coventry City after reports that Benfica wanted to appoint him as their coach. "If the media reports are accurate then I am honoured and flattered, but I am not going anywhere," he

"I am more than happy in my job here and I know I have the support of the chairman, directors, players and most of the fans." Bryan Richardson,

chairman of the FA Carling Premiership club, said that he is already talking with Strachan about a new contract that would confirm him as the manager at Highlield Road beyond 2000.

Strachan, meanwhile, has renewed his attack on the Football Association in the wake of the recent sending-off of Dion Dublin, the Coventry striker, and called for the game's governing body to organisation's technical director. Howard Wilkinson. Strachan is angry because

the FA refused to rescind Dublin's dismissal against Blackburn Rovers. He said that the decision should be left in the hands of people who had played the game, not the likes of Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive.

help that Dublin has received from the Professional Foot-

He also criticised the lack of

ballers' Association. "The PFA have sat back and not helped him one bit," Strachan said. "He is a member whose wages are getting reduced because he is not playing and he has lost all kinds of incentives. The PFA have done absolutely nothing. Dion was expecting them to come along and back him but they have not.

"I also need to know that Graham Kelly ... does not sit down and watch the video over a cup of tea or a glass of

or building society debit cards.

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constitutes violent conduct that way. People who have not been in the game or near a field should not be making decisions like this. Howard Wilkinson is the FA's technical director. If he was involved. would find it easier to

have completed the £800,000



Strachan: happy to stay

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in their 3-1 home win over Swindon Town on Saturday. He is likely to play against Tranmere Rovers in their Nationwide League first division match at Molineux tonight. Wolverhampton Wanderers Wolves have also completed the £200,000 signing of Kevin

Muscat from Palace, with Jamie Smith, the defender valued at £1 million, moving in the opposite direction. Egil Ostenstad, the Southampton striker, has flown home to Norway to undergo surgery on an ankle injury

that will keep him out of action until Christmas. Mick Jones, the Plymouth Argyle manager, has been charged with misconduct by the FA after alleged comments to David Crick, the referee,

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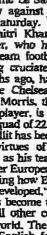
during his side's match against Luton Town on Octo-

### for Chelsea cup-tie By Our Sports Staff

THE Cup Winners' Cup game Tromso and Chelsea will take place in Tromso or not at all. Chelsea confirmed yesterday. The outbreak of severely wintry weather in the town, 200 miles inside the Arctic Circle, had led to suggestions that Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea play-

change of venue to Oslo. But Gwyn Williams, the Chelsea assistant manager. said that there was no question of the game being moved. "If the pitch isn't fit to play, the game will have to be rescheduled for another date," Williams, who saw Tromso lose 4-0 on Sunday, a result that means they must now face a

relegation play-off, said.



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SAILING: REPLACEMENT SKIPPER TRIUMPHS IN FIRST LEG OF WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE

# aldinial SAILING: REPLACE Cayard puts This Cayard puts shade with victory

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

LAST December, when Paul Cayard introduced himself at a press conference at St Katherine's Dock in London as the replacement skipper of EF Language, after Lawrie Smith had abandoned the project for Silk Cut, few would have predicted that the man from San Francisco would be a convincing winner of the first leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Yesterday, the Swedish yacht, with its garish orange bow and yellow stern, ap-peared just after dawn below a Table Mountain shrouded in mist and drizzle, to take the first-leg honours. Cayard was at the wheel as the Farr-designed EF Language reached smartly towards the line, accompanied by a handful of spectator boats, having completed the 7,350-mile course from Cowes in 30 days, 16 hours and 54 minutes.

As she tied up alongside the dock in the Victoria and Albert basin, with champagne corks flying and winners' medals being distributed. Merit Cup, under Grant Dalton, and Innovation Kvaerner, skippered by Knut Frostad, were locked in a battle for second place. more than 160 miles away. with just seven miles between them. They were expected to reach Cape Town in the early hours today.

Cayard, looking thinner than a month ago and now bearded, was delighted to be. in. Perhaps even happier was Magnus Olsson, the watch captain, who, ten months ago, feared that his campaign had been irreparably damaged by Smith's departure.

Olsson was enjoying the beaten Smith on this first test and, for now at least, having given the lie to the British crew's pre-start boasts that they had benefited more from the Smith-Cavard "skipperswap" than the EF team Yesterday, Smith still had 424 expected in until tomorrow.

Although new to the Whitbread. Cayard is far too seasomed a campaigner to think that a leg-one victory will set the tone for things to come. He predicted that there would be many leg winners and said his give way to work on a long job list" for the boat.

"It was a team effort."
Cayard said. "We pushed the boat hard and, when the opportunity came, we jumped on it - that was pretty much the race. Despite the huge spread in the fleet - the allfemale EF Education crew still had 1,150 miles to go yesterday — Cayard believes that there are only minor speed differences between most of the boats and that routeing decisions have been

Mark Rudiger, who joined the boat as navigator just a couple of weeks before the start, must take a lot of the credit for the team's performance, especially when, after rounding the island of Trindade, he opted to follow his gut feeling and go south, a risk that paid off handsomely. "Fortunately, I was able to

take the information I had and convince him [Cayard] it was the way to go," Rudiger said. "I thought the others [Merit Cup and Kvaerner would follow, to be quite honest, and I was a little worried when they didn't."

Rudiger said that Cayard had viewed the leg as a series of "individual little races: each of which had to be won. While at times he tended to lose the big picture, this had kept the EF team driving

Olsson joked: "If Paul knew little more about the Whithread race, maybe we would do a little bit better."
Cayard responded: "For me, for sure, this was an unknown venture. Having completed the first leg. I have a bit moreinsight into what it's going to take to win the Whitbread



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Cayard, centre, and the crew of EF Language celebrate their arrival in Cape Town, 30 days after leaving Cowes

### Edwards hits record-breaking pace as gale speeds passage to Ireland

Tracey Edwards: "We're off, noon today!" We had been on standby to sail around the British Isles for so long - over three months now - that I'd forgotten all about it. Now I have four hours to pack, make my excuses for the week, fit in a quick shop in the chemist and head south on the M3, to Hamble, where Tracey and her crew, still elated from their recent record-breaking crossing of the Channel, are

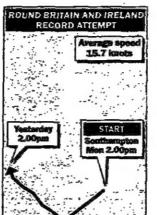
At 13.54 GMT we cross the start line at The Needles. If we're not home for Sunday we'll have failed to break the record, which stands at five days 21 hours.

If we do, Tracey and her crew can be rightfully proud and will have gained an added boost before starting cumnavigation in December. it came down of its own

reports feeling under the weather while bowling along in a stiff easterly

The Royal & SunAlliance is magnificent boat. Coming out of the Solent, she gobbled up waves between the twin hulls as though they didn't exist. It felt as if we were barely moving, yet we were cruising at 12 knots. All that changed pretty

quickly though. The forecast was for gale force easterly winds - just what we wanted to get as many nautical miles in the bank as possible in the first couple of days. But soon the winds were 35 knots gusting to 40. No sooner had Tracey decided that the spin-



the night things got worse. Conditions were extremely bumpy. As the boat fell off a wave, one of the girls flew out of her bunk, landing in her underwear in a puddle, and I flew across the galley, landing on my head. A bit of blood,

head to stern," one of the girls said, "so as not to break your Today, I feel so ill that I can

barely write a phrase before having to excuse myself to be sick — except that I can no longer be sick and just retch. I hear we're doing all right. We're off Gaiway in Ireland. The total distance to cover is 1,800 nautical miles. We've done 400 nautical miles in 24

Tracey had hoped to average 21 knots in the first day. in fact, we've averaged 16.3, but that is still three knots faster than the average speed of the record-holder, Steve Fossett on his American yacht,

One of our crew, Helena Darvelid, was on that boat. It's looking good this way round," she says "except that we're going round the wrong not too serious. "Perhaps it's anticlockwise,

Leeds Swiss Teams 97

### CRICKET

### Sussex opt for Bevan as overseas player

BY SIMON WILDE

SEVEN months after taking over at Sussex. Tony Pigott, the club's chief executive, signed his first big-name player yesterday when he unced the acquisition of Michael Bevan for the next two years. Meanwhile, Mike Watkinson ended four years as captain of Lancashire by telling the county that he does not want to be considered for the post next season.

Pigott was on the telephone to Bevan 15 minutes after Shane Warne had informed him on Sunday that he would not, after all, be playing county cricket in 1998. Bevan, no longer wanted by Yorkshire after two seasons with the club in 1995 and 1996, accepted the offer with alacrity and Pigott hopes that his arrival will encourage others to join a county that remains desperately weak after wholesale departures last winter.
"I'm relieved," Pigott admit-

ted. "Wasim Khan was a good signing - he was wanted by a few counties -- but Michael is our first international and I hope it will lead to other signings. The key was David Gilbert joining us from Surrey [as deputy chief executive and director of coaching]. Getting him helped us to get Bevan." Sussex are still seeking a

captain — a post they had hoped that Warne might fill and are now waiting on an offer made to Chris Adams. the former Derbyshire batsman, who is considering approaches from several clubs. Watkinson's decision was

expected. He was troubled by a shoulder complaint for much of last season, during which there were renewed mutterings about the team's inadequacies in the Britannic Assurance county championship and there was not even the consolation of a good showing in the one-day events: they had won three trophies under him in previous years. Wasim Akram should be confirmed as his successor when the Lancashire committee

Brian Lara may be about to pull out of his verbal commitment to rejoin Warwickshire next year. A source close to Lara said that he had changed his mind and wanted to concentrate on his role with West dies, which may soon involve the captaincy.

meets next month.

### IN BRIEF Langer and

### Renouf out of Australia tour squad

THE withdrawal yesterday of Alian Langer and Steve Renoul from the Australia tour party, because of injuries, and the fact that Jason Robinson, the Wigan Warriors wing, should be available for Great Britain, has removed some of the sense of foreboding about the forthcoming three-match British Gas rugby league series (Christopher

Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, could not conceal his delight at the absence of Renouf, generally regarded as the world's best centre, and Langer, which leaves the inexperienced Brett Kimmorley as the only specialist scrum half in the Australia squad.

The Brisbane Broncos pair have been under treatment for groin injuries but had throught they would be fit before the first match at Wembley. Another Brisbane player, Shane Webcke, has been given until the end of the week to prove his fitness after a groin operation.

Golf: American Express is to end its £4 million, three-year European Tour at the end of the season. This sethack for the Tour follows the walkout of Gill Wilson as deputy chief executive and the announcement that the chief executive, Terry Coates, will leave early

Cricket: Aamir Sohail, the opening batsman, has been brought back into the Pakistan squad for the third Test against South Africa, which starts at Faisalabad on Friday. Sohail missed both the Sahara Cup in Canada and a against India. The first two Tests against South Africa were drawn, the second at Sheikhupura being abandoned because of rain.

Rowing: A Queen's Tower four made up of Guy Pooley. the Olympic rower, Tom Gale and Jason Botterill, both under-23 internationals and Martin Kettle, the Scullers Head and Wingfield champion, have failed to beat the 185mile Lechlade to Southend Pier record in a guad scull. Strong easterly winds forced them to give up at Staines after completing 110 miles. They had been on the river for 21 hours.

### SNOOKER: SHAKEN STEVENS FIGHTS BACK TO SEIZE QUARTER-FINAL PLACE

### Snaddon falls at familiar hurdle

FOR THE RECORD

BILLY SNADDON faltered yet again yesterday when on ... the brink of a first appearance in the quarter-finals of a world ranking event, being beaten 5-4 by Matthew Stevens in the Grand Prix at Bournemouth. after being two frames up with three to play."

On six previous occasions since turning professional in 1991, Snaddon has lost in the last 16, but when he established a 4-2 lead over Stevens. he looked set to less over a barrier that is becoming ever more frustrating. .

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FOOTBALL

in pulling away from 2-2 to 4-2. Snaddon, the world No 32, constructed breaks of 72, 75 and 34. Stevens's prospects then grew even bleaker when Snaddon put together a run of 41 in the seventh frame before miscueing while attempting to pot a black.

It was the opening Stevens needed. Excellent cue-ball control helped him to clear up with 45 and Snaddon, perhaps sensing another imminent near miss, only potted two halls in the closing two frames as Stevens, who was responsible for Stephen Hendry's elimmation from the tournament last year, edged through. Stevens, 20, from Carmarthen, a member of the Matchroom club, owned by Terry Grif-fiths, believes his success is directly linked to an intensified work rate. "I was only playing a couple of hours a day last season. Now that's up to six or seven," he said.

By reaching the last eight, Stevens has already entered uncharted territory, but to progress farther, he must defeat John Parrott, who after such a proliferation of upsets. has emerged as one of the favourites to collect the £60,000 first prize.

reached his first ranking event quarter-final since the British Open of April 1995 by defeating Wayne Brown 5-2. The United Kingdom cham-

pionship, which will be staged at Preston Guild Hall next month for the twentieth con secutive year, will move to the Bournemouth International Centre next year.

Liverpool Victoria Assurance, who recently signed a four-year contract to sponsor the event, is behind the move. It seems likely that the Grand Prix will move from the South Coast to Preston.

# **SHEEHAN on BRIDGE**

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### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This hand was played in a big Swiss Teams event in Leeds earlier this year. It is an example of the surprising things that can develop when the opponents have no communications.

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Love all

Contract: Four Hearts by South. After West's impeccable Weak trumps and played three Two in diamonds, North

should pass. The effect of his bid was that North-South got to a precarious Four Hearts. West led a spade and East played the king (the ace would

have been more deceptive) on dummy's jack. After ruffing. declarer could see there was no point in trying for a diamond ruff in dummy — the defence would just play ace and another heart when they won the second round of diamonds. But there was a glimmer of hope — maybe West's shape was 1-3-6-3; in that case after declarer had taken the top clubs and ace of diamonds, there would be no communication between East-

trumps. East won the first round and returned a diamond. Declarer

rounds of clubs ending in dummy, leaving East with nothing but spades. Declarer led a high spade off dummy and discarded a diamond when East covered. East cashed another high spade on which declarer discarded another diamond, and finally East had to play a low spade to dummy to give declarer his tenth trick

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WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

OUVREUSE a. A sticky white wine b. A dress-maker

c. An usherette

a. Invitation to a grand slam b. A reverse-handed golf shot c. A sort of glass

b. A recycled golf ball c. A souvenir or memento SARDANA

a. The female sardine b. A coloured scarf

# KEENE on CHESS

### By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Swidler's triumph

Peter Swidler, the Russian champion, was the big winner from Tilburg. Although he only shared first prize with Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik, Swidler defeated Kasparov in their individual game and in one dramatic move established himself as one of

White: Alexei Shirov Black: Peter Swidler Tilburg, October 1997 Sicilian Defence

Ne3 Nb3

day's games show his style in abcdefgh White: Jeroen Pikel Black: Peter Swidler

Diagram of final position

Tilburg, October 1997 Queen's Gambit Accept Nbd7 Be7 cxd4 Nd5 Nc5 0-0 Nb6 Cd7 Nd5 b5 Bb7 e4 e5 Bc4 Notes No.2 Oxb3 Oxb2 Ca3 Rct8

Og3 h6 Nb6 Nd7 Qe3 Raymond Keene writes on chess

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### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

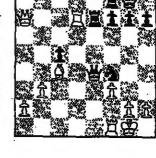
Black to play. This position is

33 Cre6+ 34 Nd6

White resigns

from the game Pesitz - Reti, Hungary 1912. Black is a pawn down but

the white queen is a long way from the defence of the white king. Black now made the most of this with an incisive combination. Can you see it? Solution on page 46



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## Agassi dancing to the music of time

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

was there at the moment when Andre Agassi's life changed for ever. He was losing to Boris Becker at Wimbledon; it was not a fightback, I am convinced to this day that Agassi had already accepted defeat and had decided to go down showboating. Hit a few zinging winners off the Becker serve and send 'em home laughing.

But every outrageous improvisation came off as Agassi played into the gloaming in a trance of self-delight. Just about every tennis writer had written off Agassi as a player designed to decorate an occasion, never to control it. It always seemed that Agassi had reached the same conclusion himself and accepted it totally. In that extraordinary evening, he changed his mind ... well, just about everything, really, and certainly everything in sport. He won Wimbledon that

year - 1992 - and went on to win three grand-slam tournaments in all. Despite that, he is still regarded as a person of little substance - odd, if you consider that he won as many grand-slam tournaments as Arthur Ashe. Now he has begun a comeback. If he succeeds in getting back to the top, he will have done something that neither John McEnroe nor Bjorn Borg was able to do.

Comebacks are troubling things. They are almost invariably painful to watch. In sport, time is always on fast-forward. When a top athlete takes a break from top-level sport, his subsequent return can only exaggerate the already exag-

Agassi, the tennis rebel, is attempting to succeed where McEnroe and Borg failed

gerated effects of time. To see the ageing former champion effortlessly wafted aside by a person of no account is as much a reminder of life's goal as a skuli on your desk.

Agassi's comeback is not quite run-of-the-mill. People usually say that they do not wish to see an athlete lose his dignity. Agassi never had any to lose, so that's all right. Youthful rebellion was his line, and he made it his fortune. The length of his hair was laid down by contract; it was unfortunate, then, that he

went startlingly bald. Always suspect a rebel who never

The moral of the story is the groundstrokes. It seems unlikely that Agassi will again be able to combine eye and hand and desire. "I had a slight sniff early on," he said after his straight-sets comeback defeat by Todd Martin in Stuttgart on Monday. "But it was like the brief passing of a gentle

In a way, that sums up the entirety of Agassi's career. Normally with players of his

atrical nature, spotty record removes his baseball cap. people mourn the waste of

talent. It is significant, however, that with Agassi, no one has ever bothered to take that line. With Agassi, it was always perfectly obvious that people like him come as a package. You cannot teach him the diligence of Ivan Lendl. Agassi made it pedantically clear that there was no point at all in even thinking

Brad Gilbert, author of the

type - extravagant gifts, the-

taught him to use his brain. But as for the rest well, it came and it went. And Agassi was content with that such was his nature. He was, for a while, the world No I, but he got bored with that, too. The endless grinding out of results was not for him. Razors are not designed for cutting

grindstones. No one asked why Agassi did not have the talent for possessing talent. His wayward nature and the nature of his wayward talent were far too obviously inextricable. The amazing thing about Agassi was not that he did not win more grand-slam events, but

'Always suspect a rebel who never removes

his baseball cap'

should he? Sports marketing is so crazy that a person such as Agassi can become insanely rich simply by taking part, by mincing about in the right outfit and keeping his name in the newspapers. Image, as Agassi said, is everything. Winning tennis matches well, that hardly mattered to

And so, in effect, Agassi played as an amateur. The money that he got from winning tournaments was small change. He did not need the victory; he has always, in a very real sense, been playing for fun. He played to please himself; a process that in-

volved pleasing others.
He is talking up his comeback in no end of a purposeful way, but behind the talk, you can sense the fear. For all his dilatory nature, a tennis player is what Agassi is. Who or what is Agassi when the tennis

Retirement is a kind of death, a death of the self. The latest comeback is intended to silence, but only for a while, the sound of Time's winged chariot. Agassi is a gadfly hoping for a second day. But soon, soon, life will once again change for ever. The brief

### TELEVISION CHOICE

Alice and the looking glass \*

Although playing against Coronation Street, the first series of Face Value attracted a respectable audience of 6.6 million. This suggests not only a keen interest in fashion and beauty, but an appreciation of the show's efforts to tell the truth about the products. Alice Beer of Watchdog, from which Face Value is one of many spin-oils, is again the host. One of tonight's items features three lottery winners and discovers whether the asyly. acquired wealth has improved their wardrobes and their grooming. Beer launches a series of reports from the United States by visiting the headquarters of the Avon cosmetics empire. She also investigates the links between chain stores and named designers, asking whether the result is a

The Real Holiday Show Channel 4, 830pm

Caby Rosin presents more cameorder accounts of holidays as they really are. This is not to say that every holiday featured is a disaster, though it makes better footage if things go wrong. A retired couple, Denys and Marjorie Randolph, are happy enough touring the Bordeaux region with fellow wine buffs, even if the hotels are a bit spartan. Things go less well between Graham, 22, and his girlfriend, Rose, during a trip to Hong Kong for the handover. He grew up in "Honkers" and feels at home. She does not. But for holidaymaking in the raw, follow Phil, his partner Ronnie and their six children (plus the eldest boy's friend) to Greece. They have taken out a second mortgage to pay for the trip. But the teenage, boys get drunk, the younger children become ill and even the equable Ronnie starts to fray at the edges. Gaby Roslin presents more camcorder accounts of

Modern Times: DJ BBC2, 9.00pm

Tony Fordham is a fast-talking and hard-swearing impression whose business is supplying disc jockeys for the drum'n bass club music circuit. He is thrown by small things, such as trying to get his shirt ironed in a Japanese hotel, but thinks big. He is in Japan to set up a deal with Sony, or so he hopes. Determined to build his DJs into

Alice Beer returns (BBCl, 7.00pm)

international stars, he sends them to Denmark for a music festival and on a tour of North America. His top performer, L.T.J. Bukem, can earn £1,000 for two hours' work. Robert Davis's film requires neither knowledge of the music scene, nor sympathy with it. The North American trip, in particular, yields relistable footage as Bukem tries to dodge Canadian immigration, another DJ goes missing and big Tony ("I'm five stone heavier than any of them") arrives to crack the whip.

Witness: LA Coroner Channel 4, 9.00pm

At documentary built around people whose business is death has its sombre side but is essentially a salute to humane professionalism. With 19,000 unexpected deaths a year, the Los Angeles Coroner's Office is never short of work. Namie Lee's job is to collect the bodies, which often means comforting the deceased. Her strategy is to "hug people and tell them to cry". William Bell, a coroner's investigator, has to establish the cause and manner of death. His caseload includes a pregnant women shot dead by her estranged husband and a woman's body decomposed beyond recognition. Like Lee, he retains the human touch.
Kathy lo Kadzianskas's company, Crime Scene
Steam and Clean, speaks for itself. She scans news
bulletins and police reports for customers but
denies, as she would, that she is exploiting other
people's grief.

Peter Waymark

Postscript: The Life of Dall

This series of extracts from lan Gibson's biography, The Shameful Life of Salvador Dall, is aiready under way but I have not had the chance to recommend it before. These 20-minute insights are most illuminating and indeed entertaining. In this that they proportion Dall travels to New York for the third programme, Dall travels to New York for the first time: this was 1937 and the New York cultural circuit was in the heady unreality between Depression and coming war. Dalt and his circle became as notorious for partying as for anything connected with their work, and the fancy dress farewell party which was given for Dalf when he left New York became one of the most talked-about in the city's social history. It even made the somewhat insular London newspapers of the time.

6.30em Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radolille 4.00 Dave Pearca 6.16 Newsbeat 9.30 Steve Lamaco Evening Session 8.30 Trade Update 8.40 John Peel, Includes a on from the Rachels 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00e Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Movies

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TALK RADIO

6.30em Paul Ross and Carol McSiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonains Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Desky 7.00 Anna Reabum 9.00 James Whale 1.00em Ian Collins

Dinner Ladjes Radio 4, 12-25pm

The start of a new comedy series is always a moment for trepidation and sleepless nights, and that is just among the potential listeners. Judged by the first episode this one may have the legs of a success, even if the Lancashire women characters success, ever it the Lancasture women characters stray damperously close to being stereotypes: one relies on male self-interest to protect herself from the consequences of taking her husband's car without asking him and the script could benefit from spending less time on small talk. But the dimer ladies of the ride, played by Barbara Dixon, Brigid Forsyth: Jean Heywood and Liz Smith become much stronger characters as the story of their hid for the school hunches contract, urivatesel their bid for the school banches contract, privatis

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CLASSIC FM

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AFTER a break of four years, China's women distance runners returned to the world record book yesterday when, at the National Games in Shanghai, three athletes finished inside the previous fastest 5,000 metres time run by a woman. And this in the heats. The final is today.

By DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

Ma Junren, coach to the sensational class of 1993, and now in the forefront again, said that he expected the world record to be improved farther today. China's re-emergence led to a call last night from Paula Radcliffe, the British record holder, for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (LAAF) to institute blood

Dong Yanmei, reported by

world record of 14min 36.45sec, set in 1995 by Fernanda Ribeiro, of Portugal. Dong recorded 14min 31.27sec and was followed by Jiang Bo, in 14min 31.30sec, and Liu Shixiang, in 14min 32.33sec. In August 1993, after win-

ning the 1,500, 3,000 and 10.000 metres at the Stuttgart Chinese women used the National Games in September to smash the world records, by huge margins, in each of those three distances. An elite group, said to be covering some 25 miles a day in training and recovering by use of herbal concoctions, found themselves a target for unsub-

the Chinese state run Xinhua

news agency to be only 17, took more than five seconds off the

ATHLETICS: THREE CHINESE WOMEN IMPROVE 5,000 METRES MARK

world championships, the

stantiated drug allegations.

Dong's record is not as stunning as Wang Junxia's Smin 06.1 (sec for 3,000 metres,

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or her 10,000 metres world record of 29min 31.78sec. Still Radcliffe, who was just beginning to think in terms of attacking the world record herself next year, finds that the goalposts have been moved to another pitch.

She stopped short of



Dong: world record

Ma's new family revives old doubts jumping on the bandwagon of those who accuse the Chinese showpiece of illegal methods, though she did say: "If I was being really cynical I would say they are being a little bit more clever

this time, or I might just say it was more realistic. "I think people are capable of running those times flow i4min 30sec]. Maybe they can train so hard that they can produce these performances and it is not fair to say it is because of drugs."

At the weekend, Ma's athletes filled the top six places of a 1,500 metres race in which the world record only narrowly survived. Dong's world record yesterday followed her winning 30min 38.09sec in the 10,000 metres, by far the quickest in the world this year.

"If it is not being done fairly, then it is upsetting and, until we get blood testing introduced, there is nothing we can do about it." Radcliffe added.
"That is what we need now. The IAAF had the chance to introduce it for the Olympics and it was not implemented, just because they said it would cause too much of a scandal. As long as we have that attitude at the top, it is never going to be a clean sport."

Of the drugs allegations, Ma said: Those were rumours created by the Western media. I welcome them to test my runners at any time." Georgio Reineri, the IAAF spokesman, said yesterday that 42 out-of-competition tests had been conducted in China this year and there had been no failures.

Couch eyes Wembley

BOXING

JANE COUCH, the leading woman boxer in Britain, could appear on the undercard of the Wembley Arena promotion on December 6, which features Herol Graham's bout with Vinnie Pazienza. Panix Promotions, backers of Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council heavy-weight champion, intends to apply to the British Boxing Board of Control for Couch to make the breakthrough for

the female code. Couch, from Fleetwood, Lancashire, and under contract to Panix for the last three months, made an unsuccessful application for a licence six months ago and has taken the board to an industrial tribunal, which will be held on November 26. The board cannot act until then.

Panos Eliades, who heads the Panix organisation. believes that Couch, like men, should have the right to decide whether she wants to pursue a professional boxing career. John Morris, the board secretary, said: "We haven't objected because of antagonism to women's boxing. Our doctors have out forward medical grounds, and we are defending the case

on those grounds." Couch, 28, said: "For the commitment I give to the sport compared to some of the men, I can't see what right the board have got to turn down my application."

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes:
Dvořák (String Quartet No 13 irr G, Op 106);
Poutenc (Fute Sonata); Bruchner (Os Justi); Bach
(Italian Concerto iri F, BW971); Weber (Overtore:
Der Freischndz); Smetana (Vitava, Me Vitast)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 7);
Beethoven (Feno Sonata in G, Op 49 No 2); Vérdi (Folliel Delino Veno e Questo . . . Sempre Libera,
La Travista); Seint-Seëns (Symphony No 1 in E
fat)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Geraint Lewis.
Includes Mendelssohn (Hor Mein Bitten): Haydn
(Symphony No 90 in C); Mathias (Helios); Fauré
(Noctume No 13 in B minor); Prokoflev
(Symphony No 6 in E liet minor); Racheseulnov
(The Pied Piper, Op 38 No 4); Sariabin (Eliote in D
sharp minor, Op 8 No 12); Trad, arr Brittlen (Song
Selection); Chopin (Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op
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12.00 Composer of the Weelc Watton

1.00pm Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore
Hall, London, Toby Spence, tenor, Richard
Watkens, hom, Julius Drake, piano, Includes
Schubert (Auf dem Stram; Erster Verlust, D228;
Liebestotschaft; Standchen, Schwarengeseng;
Rasticee Liebe, D138); Schwaren (Adaglo and
Allegro for Hom and Piano, Op 70); Britten
(Carticle BI, Still Fells the Rain)

2.00 Midweelc Cholee, with Susan Sharpe. Telephone
0171-765 4308 to request music about buildings4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from Bristol Cathedral

5.00 In Tune. Seen Rafferty talks to Paul Cassidy, the viola player in the Brocksty Quartet and owner of Benjamin Britten's own viola
7.30 Parformance on 3, Penny Gore Introduces a concert given last Seturday at the Com Exchange, Cambridge, Cambridge University Choir, City of London Sinfonia under Richard Histox. Holst (Chorat hymns from the Rig Veda; Savitri), with Jean Rigby, Marit Padmore, Stephen Varcoe; Vaughan Williams Richars to the Sea), with Anne Marie Owens, Pamela Helen Stephen, Ingrid Atroco, Stephen Varcoe;
9.15 Postscript: The Lite of Dalit. See Choice (3/4) 9.35 The Sea. The Ulter Orchestra under Vernon Handley performs Frank Bridge's suite, which made a profound impression on the young Benjamin Britten and led him to become a pupil of the composer.

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10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by Anthony Pile, clarinet, and John Lenehan, piano Saint-Sains (Clarinet Sonata in E flat, Op 167); Busoni (Elegy); Rager (Clarinet Sonata in F sharp minor, Op 49 No 2)

10.45 Niight Waves. Tony Palmer reports on the opening of the Bibao Guggenheim Museum, and traces the reinvertion of this industrial Spanish city through art and design

11.30 Composer of the Weelc Glinica (r)

12.30 cm Jazz Notes. Dave Gelly introduces classic recordings by John Dankworth and Cleo Laine to celebrate Dentworth's 70th birthday

1.00 Through the Niight, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 6.45 Dear Bill. W.F. Deedes reads from his sutobiography (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midwest, with the Times columnist Libby Purves and guests

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10.00 (FM) News; The New Face of Germany,
Caroline Wyait examines the reactions to the
faltering economy in Germany (2/4)

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Woman's Hour, Jerini Muray profiles Arme
Taylor, MP, the first female leader of the House

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (f) 12.00 Name; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Dinner Ladies, See Choke (1/6) 12.55

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.85 Shipping Forecast
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John Dickson Carr, dramafaed by Peter Ling, With
Donald Sinden, John Hartley and Richard

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3.00 News; The Attention Shift, with David Jessel
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini
reviews Ewan McGregor's new role, as a jarator
looking for a more exciting file, in the film A Life.

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4.45 Short Story: Daddy's Girl, by Mary Flanagen.
Read by Bully Davis
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Sbr O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Quiz (t)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Weite and his team (t)
7.45 North and South: Travels along the Irish
Border. Cohn Tolbin's journey takes him to
Armagh (4/4)

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8.45 Joshergs and Swamps. The geologist Dr Toby Clarks reveals the epic adventures of Edmund Halley (4/4)
9.00 Reinveoling the Wheel. The comedian Bill Silburn travels back in time to investigate the huge advences in technology (1/4)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (f) 9.59 Weether
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Histon
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diving Ball and the Butterily, by Jean-Dominique Barby (3/5)
11.00 The Shuttleworths, with Graham Fellows
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Jon Holmes and Andy Hurst
11.30 (LW) A Cry in the Dark (2/2) (r)
11.30 (ky Life as a Car (3/5) (r)
11.45 (LW) Today in Perlament
12.00 News 12.30em The Late Book: The Haunting of Bill House, by Shiftey Jackson, abridged by Aison Joseph and read by Emma Picking (1/6) (r)
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rag who opens theatre boxes, the "op usherette in a French theatre or cinema. G. B. Shaw, 1892: "It took the united strength of my three companions, the ouvreuse, the acting manager, the fireman, and a commissionaire to hold me down and restrain me from hurling an opera glass at her head." RAVENSCROFT

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(c) An article made of the flint-glass or lead-glass devised by George Ravenscroft. The eponym of the English glass-maker who lived 1618-81.

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(c) A token of remembrance, souvenir. In art jargon, a copy made by a painter of a composition by another painter. The Italian word for, literally, "a memory". "This much disputed, and admittedly oursual, drawing may in fact be Rembrand's ricordo of a composition by SARDANA

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(c) A popular Catalan dance performed to pipes and drum. The

# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22 1997

# Sport, frankly, has nothing to do with it

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for reasons known only to the bosoms be the boobs of love, way. So what was it doing on commissioning editor, Channel 4 carried an hourlong advertisement for The Sport newspaper last night. It was part of the Cutting Edge series, but Sex. Lies and Aliens was about as "cutting-edge" as a frozen fish

their unsuspecting subjects these days, there was initially something rather refreshing about watching a gang of people who had not only got the cameras in but had somehow arranged for all objectivity to be suspended for the duration. Poncey word "objectivity" anyway, who needs it?

Not Tony Livesey, Editor-in-Chief I like to think I'm carrying on the traditions of Shakespeare he didn't write his plays for poncey students and swots, he wrote them for the ordinary people of his generation." In other words, if

bounce on Marcus Sulley's film did as it was told, helped by theoffice trampoline and Ms Lola Driving School, parts of the action Ferrari, whose unleasible attri- were either staged or contribed. butes were already well known to. This ensured that we heard both

A film so dotingly faithful to its Given the frequency with which for a brief time, ten years ago, The documentary makers stitch up Sport was a publishing phenome-Sport was a publishing phenomenon. On a one off basis on a hungover Sunday morning, it was funny, in such a ridiculously overthe top, bomber-on-the-Moon way, that it actually became fashionable for about a nano-second. But the fatal flaw of the one-trickpony was soon apparent. One week it was cool to say you hought it mainly for the headlines (un-doubtedly still the best bits), the next a nipole count approaching three figures made it a social embarrassment. Fine with The

Channel 4?

In a style that was reminiscent of ends of a phone call about a rather unglamorous pin-up that adorned subject served as reminder of why, the sports pages. What the sports department knows about glamour, . I just don't know," complained David Sullivan, proprietor, "It's not going to happen again," Livesey reassured him. "I've just poked out the sports editor's eyes with a sharp stick." First Shakespeare, now Sophocles . . .

Vever editing managed to whip up a bit of a finale around the paper's plans to publish a obviously libellous book about Michael Jackson (I presumed the pop star but on second thoughts, the new chief executive Sport, of course. — never wanted of Channel 4 would explain a lot poncey middle-class readers any more). Livesey was desperate to,

\* JUDYIEW



Matthew Bond

despite the fact that he couldn't substantiate a word. The deputy editor, in a scene that was the nearest we got to dissent all night, was more doubtful: "My bet is that it's pulled with about ten minutes to go." As it turned out, Sullivan sensibly lost his nerve rather earlier than that, Small contrived panic over.

Confirmation that this was no night for shrinking violets came on With... brought together Vanessa Feltz and Edwina Currie. Stuff of nightmares really, isn't it?

So it would prove, although it was difficult to say which of these shy, rearing women came off worse. I think possibly Feltz, who struggled to contain both her excitement and her hypocrisy as fate (was it?) dealt her four aces the prearranged date for filming coincided with the announcement that the Currie marriage was over after 25 years. And yet she hadn't cancelled, noted a gleeful Feltz, as she waited at the airport for her guest to arrive. "Is she such a publicity junkie that she wants publicity even on the day her marriage splits up? " Then Currie arrived and Feltz was all smiles and waves and can I carry your bag? Yuk.

Over the next ten minutes, I think it is probably fair to say that Currie will have won herself few

ous astonishment at the coverage her separation was receiving ("I'm nor a politician any more, I'm not a public figure") and telling unlikely stories about being mistaken for Joan Collins. Her saving grace, however, was that she had clearly taken a serious dislike to Feltz, whose ersatz matiness was getting her absolutely nowhere. "Do you feel comfortable with what's in your wardrobe?" asked Feltz, making a beeline straight for it. " Of course," purred Currie: "I think it's

as glamorous as what's in your

wardrobe." I think we'll call it a

dishonourable draw and move on.

to Holding On (BBC2).
which goes down in my book as an honourable success, albeit a rather curious one. I ended it more or less as I began, bowled over by the acting but slightly immune to Tony Marchant's writing. Not because

Channel 5, where Vanessa's Day new admirers, feigning disingenuits bad: it isn't. But because the multi-stranded structure he had chosen gave the impression that he was practising for something else. At the end of a final episode that brought one or two of the storylines to hasty-looking happy endings. I was left with a slight feeling of: so what?

Others possibly felt the same, which might explain why Phil Daniels (who, unlikely as it may seem, spent most of the last episode being rescued by a nice woman from The Daily Telegraph), was awarded with an epilogue. In it he admitted there's nothing more boring than an urban eulogy, but he gave one anyway - just in case we'd missed what Marchant had been trying to say for the past eight weeks. While some people are scratched from the urban rat race, others pull up lame or drop out quietly and voluntarily." I still felt ever so slightly so-whatish. Sorry,

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6.00am Business Breakfast (22193) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (7) (82485919) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (3553803) 9.30 Style Challenge (2788103) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (2058880)

10.35 Change That (8912700) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7474395) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (1) (7407822) 11.35 Room for improvement Derek Bell of the Chieftains gives a guided tour of his Victorian nome (3415193)

12.00 News (T) (8857445) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (7520822) 12.35 Going for a Song (5202483) 1.00 News (T) and weather (20648) 1.30 Regional News and weather (73271071) 1.40 The Weather Show (84882434) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (71060483)

2.10 Quincy (r) (8099629) 3.06 Through the Keyhole (r) (1241006) 3.25 The Reelily Useful Show Update (4691822)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (778087) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (1) and weather (975) 6.30 Regional News (377)

Face Value New series on the world of fashion and beauty. Alice Beer meets the women who test new products for Avon, and lottery winners reveal how their shopping habits have changed. Plus, The dangers of using telcum powder (T) (4342)

7.30 Tomerrow's World A breakthrough in forensic science has enabled DNA to be extracted from fingerprints (T) (261) 8.00 Crime Best Martyn Lewis investige orime among Britain's youth as the

Government piedges to crack down on children who continually step out of line (1) (6990) 8.30 The National Lettery Live Music by-China Black (1) (160445)

8.45 Points of View with Chris Searle (1)

9.29 National Lottery Update (611280) 9.30 The X Fifes: Musings of a Cigarette Smoking Max Cencer Men and the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King. With David Duchovny (T) (650377) 10.20 Chalk Last in series (I) (789700).

10.50 Full Circle with Michael Pelin (r) (1) (870464) WALES: 10.50 A Touch of Classics (937967) 11.20 Full Circle with Michael Pelin (901613) 12.10am Grand Prix Spooker (2333439) 1.00 FILM: Talent

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12.30am Telent for the Game (1991) with Edward James Olmos, Jeff Corbett and Lorraine Bracco. A basebell accut stumbles on a talented (pillothy pitcher. Directed by Robert M. Young (63491)

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9.10 What? When? When? Why? (3200822) 9.25 English Express (7765071) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8303648) 10.00 Teletubles (18533) 10.30 Numbertime (6449281) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (6444716) 11.60 Around Scotland (5983984) 11.20 The Geography Programme (T) (6025087) 11.40 Revista (9030822) 11.55 Quinze Minutes Plus (9087498) 12.10pm laabel (5529532)

1.00 Noddy (r) (32132464) 1.10 The Countryside Hour: The Lancashire coast (7243071) 2.10 Grand Prix Snooker Fourth-round

12.30 Working Lunch (88087)

action from Bournemouth (94215261) 6.00 Star Traic The Next Generation (r) 6.45 Saders (r) (148025)

7.30 Black British New series, Spice Girl Mel B discusses her racial identity. Plus, a report from Antigua ori refugees from Montserrat (T) (803) 8.00 University Challenge Liverpool take on Newnham College, Cambridge, for a place in the next round (1) (4532)

8.30 The Antiques Show Perturne bottles; Noddy merchandise; and a rural property comes under the gavel. Plus, tips on caring for delicate lace (1) (3667)



Disc jockey L. T. J. Bukem (9.00pm)

Modern Times New series tolious music businessman Tony Fordham promoting his protégé, top club disc jockey LTJ Bukem (T) (652209)

9.50 The Rugby Club The head coach comes close to resigning, and there's a coup in the boardroom (1) (186377)

disability (T) (360342)

11.50 Building Sights USA Michael Sorkin dissects Los Angeles sirport (r) (T)

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### HTV

6.00am GMTV (4708822) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3559087) 9.55 Regional News (T) (6931782) 10,00 The Time; the Place (52957) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77331629) 12.20pm HTV News and Weather (8853529)

12,30 News (T) and weather (5298260) 12,55 Shortland Street (3750629) 1,20 HTV Crimestoppers (22434091) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (76640358) 1,50 Quisine (T) (71043716)

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5.10 No Naked Flames: The Work Experience Children's series focusing an the world of world an estate manager the Royal Navy, a vicar and the Stock Exchange (3672551)

5.40 News (T) and weather (944193) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (788990) 6.25 HTV Weather (591071) 6.30 HTV News (T) (445) 7.00 Emmerdale Terry approaches Steve with

his business plan for buying the Woolpack (T) (2938)



Man United's Alex Ferguson (7.30pm)

7.30 Uela Champions' League — Livel Manchester United vithe Dutch side Feyenoord. Including the National Lottery 9,45 Coronation Street Sally makes an effort to impress Chris (1) (453735)

(445716) 10.45 Regional News (1) (701025)

10.55 Champions' League Highlights Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of Newcastle's game against PSV Elndhoven (503280) 17.55 Collins and Maconle's Movie Ckib

12.30am Real Stories of the Highway Patro (3911061) 12.55 Customs Classified (r) (3085149)

1,35 International Motor Racing (r) (T) (9075236) 2.35 Cool Vibes (9773965)

2.45 Champions' Leegue (r) (371014) 4.25 Jones and Jury (93263656) 4.50 Sound Bites (43327894) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (39878) 5,30 News (99675)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12,54pm Air Watch (42272261) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5100071)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3672551) 5.59-6.00 Air Watch (419358) 6.25-7.00 Central News (6:3174)

11.55 Affred Hitchcock Presents A couble dose of suspense, miroduced by the master (821613)

1.00em Film: The Virgin Soldiers (1963). A cornecty. drama about National Servicemen on duty in Singapore, starring Hywei Bennett, Lynn Redgrave and Nigal Davenport. Directed by John

4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (1359675) 5.20 Asian Eye (7720946)

### WESTCOUNTRY

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MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (83532)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3672551) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (193) 6.30-7.00 Put it to the Test (445) 5.00em Freescreen (39878)

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11.35 Cybill (127209) 12.00 Under the Moon (97044014) 4,35am Board Stupid (51965491)

### CHANNEL 4 6.00am Sesame Street (15803)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (30071)

9.00 Schools: 9.00 Making Sense of Science (66377) 9.30 Good Health (8393261) 9.45 Book Box (8398716) 10.00 Stage Two Science (2156629) 10.15 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (2162280) 10.30 The Jacobites (55261) 10.50 Stop Look and Listen (3319759) 11.00 First Edition (6049667) 11.15 The Mix (63655532)

11.30 The Living Sea: The Fragile Ocean How oceans are essential to survival (r)

12.00 Sesame Street (73613)

12.30pm Light Lunch With Jean-Christophe Novelli and Sir Ian McKellen (94939) 1.30 Untamed (1955) Romantic adventure set at the time of the Boer War with Tyrone Power and Susan Hayward. Directed by Henry King (19822)

3.30 Collector's Lot Ken Snowdon looks at collectors of Rod Stewart memorabilis (T)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (358) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8439613)

4.55 Ricki Lake: Your Crush is not a Secret Anymore (8358342) 5.30 Pet Rescue A neglected Shetland pony is found with an horrific neck wound (T)

6.00 The Cosby Show: Once Upon a Time Rudy's triends and tamily star in her dream (r) (T) (735)

6.30 Rossanne Rossanne and Dan try to comfort Becky (r) (T) (777) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (300938) 7.50 Deadline 2000 (508396)

8.00 Brookside Christian's nightmare continues. Is Timothy finally ready to toe the line? (1) (6700)



Presenter Gaby Roofin (8.30pm)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show Gaby Rostin introduces the first in a new series of "travel quides with a difference". Featuring a young couple's trip to Hong Kong for the handover, a retired couple tour the Bordeaux vineyards, and a family of six head for Zante in Greece (1/8) (1) (8735)

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5.00 Screaming Reals (2637033) 5.35 Scottish Writers: Liz Lochho

### CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder with be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

5.00am 5 News Early (2623087)

7.30 MRkshake (7573984) 7.35 USA High III 8.30 WideWorld: Art for Art's Sake Art in Europe and its colonies (8026754)

9.00 Espresso (5299735) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6945358) 10.30 Vanessa's Day with . Edwins Curne (r) (T) (8006990) 11.00 Leeza (1119713) 11.50 Double Espresso

(44921006) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8924342) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (1968223) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (99897667) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1054919) 2.00 5's

Company (4331025)

3.30 A Special Kind of Love (1978) starring Charles Durning, Philip Brown and Irene Tedrow. A widowed father and his three sons are brought together by the

youngest boy's attempts to reach the Paralympics, Directed by Lee Philips (3391984) 5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (55610193) 5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T)

6.00 100 Per Cent (8007919) 6.30 Family Affairs Business is suffering at The Lock, Maria tasks about her trauma

7.00 Exclusive A report on how people are bluffing their way on to television's confessional shows (6848261)

7.30 Song of the Seal: See Otter, See-Saw A film charting the ups-and-downs of a sea otter's fortunes (T) (8010483) 8.00 Instant Gardens William van Hage

chooses the right trults for an orchard Harrogate (6864209) 8.30 5 News (T) (6843716)

9.00 Broken Pledges (1994) with Linda Gray, Barry Bonds and David Lipper, When a student dies in an initiation ritual, his mother fights all the way to the US Senate Montesi (69957464)



10.50 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (2115377) 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4239613)

12.30am Live and Dangerous: World Series the best-of-seven series (14056897) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Ten Dollar Murder (r) (T) (8479052)

5.30 100 Per Cent (5174472)

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Wilson's departure signals end of distinctive era at BBC

United manager fears complacency

# Ferguson puts his troops on red alert

OOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ALEX FERGUSON caught the whiff of complacency drift-ing through Old Trafford yesrerday. "You lot are the worst for that, I think I'll keep my Scottishness," he told the media as he promised that his Manchester United team would tear into Feyenoord tonight in their next European Cup Champions' League adventure. Then, smiling, he turned to the United official by his side. "Ne'er cast a clout 'til May's out," he muttered.

There may be a perception that now Juventus, the champions of Italy, have been vanquished once, nothing else in the Champions' League matters much until United face them again in the Stadio delle Alpi on December 10, with a probable place in the quarter-finals of the competition at stake. That is a feeling that Ferguson, even in this unusually relaxed mode, was keen to stille.

To make his point, he promised that United had learnt their lesson from their lacklustre display against the Turkish champions, Fenerbahçe, last season, when they surrendered their 40-year unbeaten home record in European football by losing 1-0. Against Feyenoord, he said, the tempo would be just as fierce as it was in the bravura 3-2 win over Juventus.

"I emphasised patience too much to them that night." Ferguson said. "We concentrated too much on making sure we did not lose a goal and feel on the pitch and on the terraces. Old Trafford is better when they are up for it, playing with more speed and more penetration. High-tem-

"We must not fall into the trap of allowing it to become a



high right from the start. It's not a question of going for the throat. You can still be patient, but by the same token you can do it at a high pace. The Juve result is just what we wanted and we mustn't let it slip.

"I think it is fair to say that our best performances this season have been in the Champions' League. It is probably that we have got used to the big games now and the players are focused for them. They realise they can do well in Europe now and there is so much anticipation for the game that their motivation is as high as it is possible to be.

Wary Dalglish Troubled Maldini Strachan stays

"It is natural that they should have more hunger for the Champions' League than domestic football at the moment. I can be tolerant of our form in the Premiership because we are second. I would not want to drop any lower than that. But if we keep in touch until December, I would hope that we can make up ground on the rest later."

of course, it is up to the rest to make up ground on United. Feyenoord, who were on the from Juventus in Turin in their opening group B match. have had a poor start to their domestic season and are alslow, patient game. We don't ready ten points behind the

league.
On Sunday, with David
Connolly, the former Watford striker, making one of his first starts, they lost 2-0 away to lowly Willem II Tilburg, Marc Overmars's former club, and to compound their problems their record signing, the Brazilian, Julio Cruz, is suspended tonight. "There is a cloud hanging above us," Arie Haan, their manager, admit-ted yesterday. "We are not playing freely."

Ferguson watched Feye-noord's defeat on Sunday but said that he had not detected any lack of confidence in Haan's side. His only worry about his own team concerns the fitness of Henning Berg. who picked up a minor strain in the draw against Derby County. Given his emphasis on

pressing against the Dutch, it is thought that Ferguson may pair Andy Cole with Teddy play Paul Scholes just behind them, with a midfield three of David Beckham, Nicky Butt and Ryan Giggs. If they play to their potential, they should be too competent and skilful for Feyenoord, although if they are awarded a penalty, Dennis Irwin will be entrusted with the responsibility after Sheringham's miss from the spot on Saturday, his second failure in two attempts for

"I feel that if we can score in every game in the Champions' League we will go through," Ferguson said. "We have to be aware that we could win every then lose to Juventus and still not go through. That is why last goal they scored at Old Trafford could cost us. When you get to this level, the concentration has to be absolute. It is all about fractions, the difference between success and failure."

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### Mellor is in clear over Rome affair

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID MELLOR will not be criticised in a Football Association report into the trouble at England's World Cup qualifying match against Italy in Rome. The FA is drafting a report on the violence, which will be presented to Uefa and Fifa later this week. Mellor, head of the Football Task Force, had warned the Italian police before the match not to be heavy-handed in their treatment of the English fans. Some felt that this caused resentment among the Italian authorities towards the Eng-

land supporters.

David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, claimed suggestions that they would be censuring Mellor in their report were "misleading in the extreme", adding: "The FA's report is still being completed and conclusions have yet to be reached." Mellor could not comment. but it is understood that he felt he had attempted to prevent trouble by meeting the Italian

ambassador before the match.

Sir Bobby Charlton will was the boss. One or two lead from the front as Enpeople were very gung-ho and gland's bid to stage the 2006 bullish about what could hap-World Cup steps up a gear. Sir Bobby leaves tomorrow with Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, on an eight-day promotional visit to the United States, Costa Rica and Trinidad and Tobago. Gra-ham Kelly. the FA chief executive, and Alec McGivan, the campaign chief, complete the four-man delegation, which talk to senior Fifa

The trip is the first key from the RFU." international element of the bid, boosted by news on Tuesday of a £3 million grant from the Sports Council.

Hemman concentrates on his backhand during his three-set victory over Haas in Stuttgart yesterday. Photograph: Thomas Kienzle Henman profits from early reprieve FROM JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT before redeeming himself with IN STUTTGART three successive aces. Taken to TIM HENMAN advanced to deuce in his next service game,

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**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22 1997** 

the second round of the Eurocard Open here yesterby teaching Tommy Haas, his young and talented opponent, that only fools look gift horse in the mouth. flawed, but foolish he is not, and an opening-set reprieve, when Haas missed a straightforward pass at break point, kept the Great Britain No 2 in a contest that he looked certain

Quite how Henman contrived to win that first set will go down as the biggest mystery of this tournament. His service was as secure as a house of cards against the Haas storm. The third game offered a vignette of Henman's overall performance: in dou-

SENIOR rugby clubs yester-

million-pound breakaway

from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was being

Donald Kerr, the chairman

of English Rugby Partnership

(ERP), which represents the interests of the 24 teams in the

Allied Dunbar Premiership.

said that the prospect of a split

had not been discussed. He insisted that there was a new

spirit of co-operation among

all parties in the game and that reports of a £20 million

investment by Benfield, a lead-

ing reinsurance company, or a

However, a source close to

one leading club reiterated yesterday: "A few weeks ago

Richmond officials admitted

they had had talks about

Benfield becoming involved

and that a Super Six or Super

Eight tournament was one

way of doing that. The figure

of £20 million was mentioned.

There was a feeling that they

would show the Union who

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denied that a multi-

and then ruffled by a fourth break point in the next, it is a wonder that he survived to convert a rare opportunity at

He certainly needed it, for Bollettieri academy in Florida, ran away with the second set. Twice he captured the Henman service, on the first occasion after Henman initiated a sequence of nine consecutive first-service faults. Then, just as Haas looked ready to seize the match, Henman rediscovered his touch to triumph 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 in five minutes short of two hours.

Henman, who later revealed that he was suffering from a throat infection, was pleased to have won. More

said: "At our meeting on

Monday, which Chris Wright

ichairman of Loftus Road plc.

the club's holding company

and I attended, proposals for

an improved structure to the

season were discussed and

agreed in principle. There was no recommendation for a

breakaway." Bath said that

Andrew Brownsword, their

owner, had not attended the

Last weekend Ashley Levett.

the owner of Richmond, did

not rule out the possibility of a

breakaway if progress was not

made on a more flexible

Wray: wants flexibility

fixture structure, which would

allow clubs to increase their

cashflow, which is a demand

that Nigel Wray, the owner of

Saracens, has also voiced. And

it is known that Benfield

Sports International, a subsid-

iary of Benfield, is looking at

opportunities to become in-

volved in rugby union and

sport in general. It specialises

in maximising revenue for

clubs, but a spokesman reiter-

ated that it could not comment

on any of its business

Clubs deny talk

of breakaway

By MARK SOUSTER

confidence is governed by the . quality of his service. Henman was, therefore, entitled to reflect positively on the outcome, employing the cliche that the glass was half full, not half empty Although he maintained that to slow down his first service would have been to invite trouble, the fact that

conceded (i break points surely warrants closer examination. He accepted that a similar display today, against

suffice. Haas, for his part, is destined to make a considerable impact on the game. A finalist in Lyons last week, he is a

and Bons Becker. Goran Ivanisevic, would not

venomous hitter off both

ing a high percentage of premium deliveries. Hazs, 19,has advanced his world ranking 128 places, to No 43, in just six months. If mexperience proved his undoing in this match then he — along with Nicolas Kiefer, the opponent of Greg Rusedski today — should fill some of the void in German tenhis left by the departures of Michael Stich

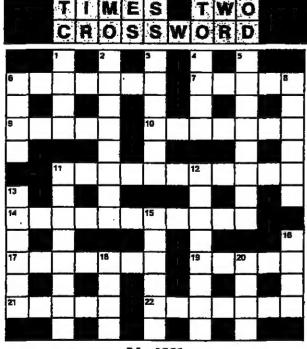
Mind you, Becker, the defending champion here, continues to postpone his exit from the Tour. He opened one of his last important tournaments with a fluent dismissal of his compatriot, Marc-Kevin Göllner, 6-2, 6-4, and today faces Richard Krajicek for a place in the last 16.

ble second service by register-

While Becker progressed, Pat Cash, now 32, could not replicate his form in qualify-

Wimbledon champion has long since been blighted by injury and was rudely dismissed by Andrei Medvedev for the gain of just two games. Relix Mantilla, the first of 16 seeds to take to the court vesterday, was the first to be aten. The Spaniard, seeded No 14, went down in straight David Prinosil. And Fabrice Santoro, who won his first Tour title when beating Haas in Lyons on Sunday, delivered an equally emphatic verdict over Mark Philippoussis.

The tournament steps up a gear today when all the remaining seeds are due on court. Although Rusedski and Henman represent British interests, the chaice tie is surely that between Becker and Krajicek. These two former Wimbledon champions could easily contrive fireworks.



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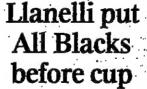
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pen. Talk of a breakaway was definitely on the agenda." Kerr accepted that there was serious disquiet among clubs about the structure of the season, but added: "That subject is very much on our agenda. We have set up four working parties, with RFU representation, to look at four key issues within the game. I have not heard of anything to figures in all three countries. suggest clubs will break away

> . Wasps and Both said that they would not be party to any breakaway Charles Levison. the vice-chairman of Wasps,



BY DAVID HANDS

LIANELLI are ready to withdraw from the Heineken Cup rather than jeopardise their fixture on November 8 with New Zealand, the opening match of the All Blacks' tour The Weish side meet Cardiff in a cup play-off on Novem-ber I, with the winner due to play Bath in the quarter-finals the next weekend

adds weight to the arguments of those seeking an overhaul of the British season. "If it came to the crunch and both fixtures were planned on the same day, I have no doubt that we would withdraw from Europe," Ron Jones, Llanelli's

chairman, said yesterday. Bath have offered to move the match back by 48 hours, but Jones said that his players would not be able to do justice to both fixtures. "Playing the All Blacks is more important to us, even though the possibility of a Heineken Cup semi-final would be an attract tive proposition," he said. There is an element of tradi-

tion involved here." Bath have restored Mark Regan, the British Isles hooker, to the XV that will play Leicester in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Saturday. He replaces Andy Long, while Nigel Redman will be at lock and Jonathan Callard is preferred at full back to the

teenager, lan Balshaw. On Sunday Channel 5 unveil Rugby Express, the first of 31 programmes designed to fill the void left by Rugby Special on BBC. The costs have been met by Carlsberg-Tetley and Allied Dunbar two of the Rugby Football



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